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3 THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

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15 MARCH 11TH, 2006

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17 AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY

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19 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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3 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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5 DAN L. MOULTRIE, CHAIRMAN

6 M. BARNETT LAWLEY, COMMISSIONER

7 LOUIS W. COLES

8 DR. A. WAYNE MAY

9 JOHNNY JOHNSON

10 GEORGE HARBIN

11 GRANT LYNCH

12 DR. WARREN STRICKLAND

13 JAMES PORTER

14 ROSS M. SELF

15 BILL HATLEY

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17 ALSO PRESENT:

18 ROBIN NUMMY, SECRETARY

19 DR. GAINES SMITH, AUBURN EXTENSION

20 SERVICE DIRECTOR

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6 CALL TO ORDER

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7 INVOCATION

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8 INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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9 PUBLIC HEARING

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10 OLD BUSINESS

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CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I WOULD LIKE  
TO CALL TO ORDER THE MARCH 11TH, 2006  
MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY  
BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYBODY  
TO AUM. THE INVOCATION WILL BE GIVEN BY  
MR. BILL HATLEY.

(WHEREUPON, THE INVOCATION WAS  
GIVEN BY MR. HATLEY.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
MR. HATLEY. FOR THE NEXT ORDER OF  
BUSINESS I WOULD LIKE TO CALL  
COMMISSIONER BARNETT LAWLEY TO THE  
INTRODUCE THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY  
BOARD.

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INTRODUCTION OF BOARD

MEMBERS

COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: WELCOME  
EVERYBODY TO AUM IN MONTGOMERY. AS YOU  
KNOW, WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE THIS ADVISORY  
BOARD THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO GIVE  
EVERYBODY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND BE  
HEARD IN A PUBLIC FORUM. AND WE WERE  
LAST IN TUSCALOOSA, AS YOU KNOW, AND IN  
MONTGOMERY TODAY. AND WE'LL BE IN GULF  
SHORES AROUND THE TWENTIETH OF MAY. I  
WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE BOARD.  
GEORGE, IF YOU WOULD, I WOULD LIKE TO  
START WITH YOU. TELL EVERYBODY YOUR NAME  
AND THE DISTRICT YOU REPRESENT, AND WE'LL  
GO DOWN THE LINE.

MR. HARBIN: MY NAME IS GEORGE  
HARBIN AND I REPRESENT THE FOURTH  
DISTRICT.

MR. HATLEY: MY NAME IS BILL  
HATLEY AND I REPRESENT DISTRICT ONE.

MR. SELF: MY NAME IS ROSS SELF

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1 AND I REPRESENT DISTRICT ONE.  
2 MR. JOHNSON: MY NAME IS JOHNNY  
3 JOHNSON AND I REPRESENT DISTRICT SEVEN.  
4 MR. COLES: I'M LOUIS COLES AND I  
5 REPRESENT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT TWO.  
6 DR. MAY: WAYNE MAY, AND I  
7 REPRESENT DISTRICT SEVEN.  
8 MR. LYNCH: GRANT LYNCH, AND I  
9 REPRESENT DISTRICT THREE.  
10 MR. PORTER: JIM PORTER FROM  
11 BIRMINGHAM, AND I REPRESENT DISTRICT SIX.  
12 DR. STRICKLAND: WARREN  
13 STRICKLAND, HUNTSVILLE. I REPRESENT  
14 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIVE.  
15 DR. SMITH: I'M GAINES SMITH,  
16 EX-OFFICIO, STATEWIDE.  
17 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THANK  
18 Y'ALL. WE HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF WILDLIFE  
19 FRESHWATER FISHERY THAT I HAVE  
20 CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION THAT I WOULD  
21 LIKE TO MAKE Y'ALL AWARE OF, AND NEITHER  
22 ONE ARE HERE TODAY. THE FIRST ONE IS TO  
23 BILL GRAY, IN BARBOUR COUNTY WILDLIFE

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1 MANAGEMENT AREA, IN RECOGNITION OF BEING  
2 NAMED WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST OF THE YEAR BY  
3 THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND  
4 WILDLIFE AGENCIES.

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6 (APPLAUSE)

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8 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE NEXT  
9 RECOGNITION IS ERNIE STEPHENS UP IN  
10 FAYETTE, THE RECOGNITION IS OF HIS  
11 ACCOMPLISHMENT BEING NAMED ALABAMA  
12 WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
13 BY THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION.  
14 WE'RE PROUD OF BOTH OF THESE PEOPLE.

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16 (APPLAUSE)

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18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
19 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY. ARE THERE ANY  
20 CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY  
21 18TH, 2006 BOARD ADVISORY MEETING? IF  
22 NOT, THE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS READ.  
23 THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE

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1 PUBLIC HEARING. WHEN YOUR NAME IS  
2 CALLED, PLEASE GO TO THE MICROPHONE AND  
3 GIVE YOUR NAME AND THE SUBJECT YOU WISH  
4 TO SPEAK ON. I WILL REMIND YOU AGAIN  
5 THAT ONLY YOU MAY TALK AT THAT TIME THAT  
6 YOU'RE CALLED UPON, AND ANY INTERFERENCE  
7 WITH THE SPEAKER WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.  
8 LET ME REMIND YOU AGAIN -- AT THE  
9 LAST MEETING IT WAS A LITTLE BIT  
10 CONTROVERSIAL. WE TRY TO GIVE EVERYBODY  
11 A CHANCE TO TALK, BOTH SIDES. IF YOU

12 DON'T HAVE SOMETHING POSITIVE OR GOOD TO  
13 SAY ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR OR SOMEBODY  
14 HUNTING NEAR YOU, TRY TO KEEP IT DOWN.  
15 BECAUSE THE BOARD -- IT HAS BEEN  
16 EXPRESSED TO ME BY ALMOST THE ENTIRE  
17 BOARD THAT THEY ARE TIRED OF HEARING THE  
18 SAME THING TIME, AND TIME, AND TIME  
19 AGAIN.

20 YOU HAVE YOUR THREE MINUTES TO  
21 TALK. ROBIN IS GOING TO STRICTLY ENFORCE  
22 THAT. I THINK YOU'VE SEEN THAT WE HAVE  
23 BEEN EXTREMELY FAIR WITH LETTING PEOPLE

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1 GO OVER THEIR TIME IF YOU HAVE A NEW,  
2 GOOD, CONCISE TOPIC. BUT PLEASE, LET'S  
3 DON'T REHASH THE OLD ISSUES LIKE WE HAVE  
4 BEEN.

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10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WE'VE GOT TWO  
11 SPEAKERS THAT I'M GOING TO CALL OUT OF  
12 ORDER HERE. ONE OF THEM HAS AN  
13 APPOINTMENT. BUT FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO  
14 CALL JUDGE GEORGE WRIGHT. JUDGE, ARE YOU  
15 HERE?

16 MR. WRIGHT: YES, SIR.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I WOULD LIKE  
18 TO CALL ON JUDGE GEORGE WRIGHT FOR THE  
19 FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20 MR. WRIGHT: I'M JUDGE GEORGE  
21 WRIGHT. I'M A RETIRED JUDGE, SO YOU  
22 KNOW, RETIRED JUDGE DON'T COUNT FOR MUCH.  
23 BUT I WAS A FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR

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1 THIRTY-FOUR YEARS. I LIVE IN TUSCALOOSA,  
2 BUT I OWN SOME PROPERTY IN HALE COUNTY.  
3 AND THIS IS CONCERNING DOG HUNTING IN  
4 HALE COUNTY.

5 MY GREAT GRANDFATHER BOUGHT THIS  
6 PROPERTY IN 1882. AND IT'S BEEN  
7 CONTINUOUSLY DOG HUNTED SINCE 1882. ALL  
8 OF MY NEIGHBORS AROUND IT ARE COUSINS OF  
9 MINE. SO I DON'T HAVE MUCH PROBLEMS WITH  
10 ANY OF MY NEIGHBORS. AND ONE OF THE  
11 THINGS THAT WE DO IS, WE ONLY HAVE SIX  
12 DOG HUNTS A YEAR -- SIX SATURDAYS OUT OF  
13 THE YEAR. WE HAVE IT IN THE MORNING. WE  
14 GO OUT ABOUT 7:00 TO 12:00 OR 12:30 AND  
15 BREAK FOR LUNCH. WE DON'T HUNT IN THE  
16 AFTERNOON. SO, THAT ELIMINATES A LOT OF  
17 POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH STALK HUNTERS,  
18 BECAUSE MOST STALK HUNTERS DO GO OUT IN  
19 THE AFTERNOON.

20 I'VE GOT A PETITION SIGNED BY  
21 OVER TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE IN HALE COUNTY IN  
22 FAVOR OF DOG HUNTING. AND ALSO THE  
23 PROBATE JUDGE IN HALE COUNTY SAYS THAT

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1 THERE'S NOT ANY PROBLEM WITH DOG HUNTING  
2 IN HALE COUNTY. NOW, FROM WHAT I  
3 UNDERSTAND ALSO, BARNETT -- THE  
4 ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, FROM WHAT I  
5 UNDERSTAND, THEY HAVE ZERO COMPLAINTS ON  
6 DOG HUNTING IN HALE COUNTY; IS THAT  
7 CORRECT?

8 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: ALLAN,  
9 COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

10 CHIEF ANDRESS: WE DIDN'T RECORD  
11 ANY IN OUR TUSCALOOSA OFFICE OR  
12 MONTGOMERY OFFICE.

13 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: ALLAN, WE CAN'T  
14 HEAR YOU.

15 CHIEF ANDRESS: BASED ON THE  
16 RECORDS THAT WE KEPT AT THE TUSCALOOSA  
17 OFFICE AND MONTGOMERY OFFICE, WE DID NOT  
18 RECORD ANY DOG-RELATED COMPLAINTS IN HALE  
19 COUNTY. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT SOMEBODY  
20 MIGHT NOT HAVE CONTACTED AN OFFICER  
21 INDIVIDUALLY AND LODGED A COMPLAINT, BUT  
22 BASED ON JUST THAT RECORD KEEPING ALONE,  
23 WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: I'VE GOT THE  
2 PETITION SIGNED BY OVER TWO HUNDRED  
3 PEOPLE. SHOULD I SUBMIT IT TO YOU?

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT WILL BE  
5 FINE, JUDGE. WE'LL GIVE IT TO  
6 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY.

7 MR. PORTER: CAN I ASK THE JUDGE  
8 A QUESTION?

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YES. JUDGE  
10 ARE YOU FINISHED WITH YOUR PRESENTATION?

11 MR. WRIGHT: BASICALLY, I'VE SAID  
12 EVERYTHING I NEED TO SAY.

13 MR. PORTER: I NOTICE THE LETTER  
14 FROM JUDGE AVERY; AS A PROBATE JUDGE,  
15 HE'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY  
16 COMMISSION --

17 MR. WRIGHT: RIGHT.

18 MR. PORTER: -- IN THAT COUNTY;  
19 IS HE NOT?

20 MR. WRIGHT: CORRECT.

21 MR. PORTER: I THOUGHT THAT WAS  
22 RIGHT.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANY OTHER

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1 COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

2 MR. COLES: I HAVE A QUESTION.  
3 WHAT TYPE OF JUDGE WERE YOU? YOU SAID  
4 YOU'RE RETIRED.

5 MR. WRIGHT: I WAS A RETIRED  
6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE FOR  
7 THIRTY-FOUR YEARS.

8 MR. COLES: I JUST DIDN'T KNOW.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.  
10 THANK YOU, JUDGE, FOR COMING TODAY.

11 MR. COLES: THANK YOU JUDGE.

12 MR. WRIGHT: THANK YOU.  
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14 (APPLAUSE)  
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16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ALL RIGHT.  
17 THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN INGRAM.  
18 MR. INGRAM: MY NAME IS JOHN  
19 INGRAM. I LIVE IN TUSCALOOSA, BUT I OWN  
20 SOME PROPERTY ON THE PICKENS  
21 COUNTY/TUSCALOOSA LINE.  
22 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: YOU HAVE TO  
23 SPEAK UP A LITTLE BIT PLEASE.

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1 MR. INGRAM: I SAY I OWN PROPERTY  
2 ON THE TUSCALOOSA/PICKENS COUNTY LINE. I  
3 SPOKE TO THIS BOARD AT YOUR MEETING IN  
4 TUSCALOOSA ON MAY THE ELEVENTH. I  
5 COMMEND JUDGE HERE, AND HIS GROUP, AS FAR  
6 AS CONTROLLING THEIR DOG HUNTING AND  
7 BEING A RESPECTABLE AND NEIGHBORLY CLUB  
8 OR HUNTING -- HUNTER, OR WHATEVER.  
9 UNFORTUNATELY --

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11 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)

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13 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: DON'T TOUCH THE  
14 MIC WITH YOUR HAND.

15 MR. INGRAM: AS WE KNOW,  
16 UNFORTUNATELY CERTAIN HUNTERS OR CERTAIN  
17 CLUBS DON'T DO IT CORRECTLY. AND I HAD  
18 EXPRESSED THAT AT YOUR TUSCALOOSA  
19 MEETING. AND SINCE THAT MEETING,  
20 MR. JOHNSON AND DR. MAY HAVE VISITED MY  
21 PROPERTY AND WE'VE HAD FURTHER  
22 DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS WE  
23 HAVE IN OUR AREA.

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1 AT YOUR TUSCALOOSA MEETING,  
2 MR. APPLEBY AND I PRESENTED SOME TWO  
3 HUNDRED NAMES IN OUR AREA, AND OWNERS,  
4 REPRESENTING ALMOST TWELVE THOUSAND ACRES  
5 THAT WANTED TO BAN USING DOGS IN OUR  
6 AREA. BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND TO THIS  
7 BOARD THAT SOME CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO  
8 REQUIRING HUNTERS OR CLUBS THAT USE DOGS  
9 TO HAVE UNDER THEIR CONTROL, EITHER OWN  
10 OR ON LEASE, AT LEAST A THOUSAND  
11 CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND AND THAT THEY  
12 NOT BE ALLOWED TO RELEASE DOGS --

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ONE MORE  
14 MINUTE MR. INGRAM. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE  
15 REMAINING.

16 MR. INGRAM: -- THEY NOT BE  
17 ALLOWED TO RELEASE DOGS WITHIN ONE-HALF  
18 MILE OF A NEIGHBORING LANDOWNER WITHOUT  
19 HIS PERMISSION; NOR BEING ABLE TOO  
20 RELEASE DOGS WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF  
21 PUBLIC ROADS, AND ALSO SOME TYPE OF  
22 CONTROL OR ENFORCEMENT BE ESTABLISHED TO  
23 AVOID THEM CLOGGING UP PUBLIC ROADS WITH

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1 THEIR TRUCKS, AND SO FORTH, IN EFFORTS TO  
2 RETRIEVE THEIR DOGS. IT'S BEEN DOCUMENTS  
3 OF THAT IN THAT AREA.  
4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH.  
6 MR. PORTER: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. PORTER.  
8 MR. PORTER: ARE YOU AWARE OF THE  
9 -- TUSCALOOSA HAS A LAW ABOUT, CONCERNING  
10 DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE. AND YOU, AS A  
11 LANDOWNER --  
12 MR. INGRAM: YES, I --  
13 MR. PORTER: -- TO BRING, COULD  
14 USE THAT LAW TO REGULATE DOGS ON YOUR  
15 PROPERTY.  
16 MR. INGRAM: UNFORTUNATELY, MY  
17 PROPERTY IS IN PICKENS COUNTY.  
18 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. SELF.  
20 MR. SELF: I'VE ONE QUESTION FOR  
21 THE SPEAKER. HE'S MENTIONED ON SEVERAL  
22 OCCASIONS RELEASING DOGS AND HUNTING WITH  
23 DOGS. ARE YOU SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT

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1 DOG DEER HUNTING, OR ARE YOU TALKING  
2 ABOUT SQUIRREL --  
3 MR. INGRAM: NO. DEER HUNTING.  
4 MR. SELF: -- HUNTING, OR BIRD  
5 HUNTING --  
6 MR. INGRAM: DEER HUNTING.  
7 MR. SELF: -- OR ANY KIND OF  
8 HUNTING?  
9 MR. INGRAM: DEER HUNTING.  
10 MR. SELF: JUST DEER HUNTING  
11 ONLY?  
12 MR. INGRAM: YES.  
13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. HATLEY,  
14 GO AHEAD.  
15 MR. HATLEY: HOW MUCH LAND DO YOU  
16 OWN IN PICKENS COUNTY, SIR, THAT YOU'RE  
17 CONCERNED ABOUT?  
18 MR. INGRAM: I OWN TWO HUNDRED  
19 AND SIX ACRES IN PICKENS. THE ADJACENT  
20 EIGHTY ACRES I HAVE LEASED. THE ADJACENT  
21 HUNDRED AND THIRTY ACRES THAT IS IN  
22 TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, I HAVE LEASED. ALL OF  
23 THIS IS CONTIGUOUS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE

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1 HUNTERS AND THE DOG PROBLEM IS LOCATED ON  
2 THE PICKENS COUNTY SIDE OF MY PROPERTY.  
3 MR. HATLEY: THANK YOU.  
4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. PORTER,  
5 DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?  
6 MR. PORTER: YOU MENTIONED YOUR  
7 LANDOWNERS; IS THAT LAND THAT YOU'RE  
8 REPRESENTING PER YOUR REQUEST TODAY, IS  
9 THAT IN PICKENS COUNTY OR TUSCALOOSA  
10 COUNTY?  
11 MR. INGRAM: MOST OF THE

12 LANDOWNERS THAT I'M SPEAKING OF THAT  
13 SIGNED THE PETITION IS PICKENS COUNTY.  
14 TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, IT'S WITHIN A FIVE  
15 TO TEN-MILE RADIUS OF THE  
16 TUSCALOOSA/PICKENS COUNTY LINE THAT LIES  
17 SOUTH 82, SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 82.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU MR. INGRAM. THE  
20 NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MS. SYBIL  
21 DESCHAINES.

22 MS. DESCHAINES: I DON'T WANT TO  
23 GET THIS REVERBERATION.

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YOU'RE FINE.

2 MS. DESCHAINES: I READ IN THE  
3 NEWSPAPER THAT AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING  
4 THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT THE  
5 PROBLEM AROUND THE STATE WITH THE  
6 COYOTES, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TELL  
7 YOU ABOUT --

8 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: YOU'RE GOING TO  
9 HAVE TO SPEAK UP.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: SPEAK UP A  
11 LITTLE BIT PLEASE, MS. DESCHAINES.

12 MS. DESCHAINES: THE PROBLEMS  
13 THAT I'VE HAD ON MY FARM IN ETOWAH  
14 COUNTY, TO THE POINT WHERE THEY'VE KILLED  
15 THREE OF MY PETS. AND WHEN WE WERE HERE  
16 IN NOVEMBER, WE LOOKED OUT AND THERE WAS  
17 A PACK OF FIVE COYOTES IN MY BACKYARD,  
18 WHICH IS NOT VERY BIG.

19 I WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEONE TO  
20 EXPLAIN TO US PLEASE, WHAT WE, AS  
21 LANDOWNERS, MAY DO. I HAVE NO LIVESTOCK.  
22 SO, I DON'T COME UNDER THE CATEGORY OF  
23 BEING ABLE TO HUNT AT NIGHT. BUT MY PETS

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1 ARE MY LIVESTOCK AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
2 WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO TO GET SOME  
3 CONTROL OF THE POPULATION OF THE COYOTES  
4 THAT REALLY ARE RUNNING RAMPANT  
5 STATEWIDE.

6 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE  
7 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE BURNING  
8 TRAIL THAT THEY OPENED IN NORTH ALABAMA.  
9 WE ATTENDED THE DEDICATION MEETING AND I  
10 WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH IT. AND I'M HAPPY  
11 TO SEE ONE BEING DEVELOPED ACROSS CENTRAL  
12 ALABAMA. THANK YOU.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
14 MS. DESCHAINES. CORKY, IS THERE ANYBODY  
15 FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT WANTS TO  
16 COMMENT ON THE COYOTES?

17 CHIEF ANDRESS: THE RULES ON  
18 TAKING COYOTES NOW ARE ALREADY VERY, VERY  
19 LIBERAL. THERE'S NO CLOSED SEASON ON  
20 THEM FOR HUNTING THEM OR TRAPPING THEM.  
21 THE ONLY RESTRICTION ON THEM IS SHOOTING  
22 AT NIGHT NOW. BUT, THERE ARE ALSO OTHER  
23 PROVISIONS THAT WE CAN MAKE FOR PROPERTY



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1 DAMAGE PROBLEMS THAT WE CAN ADDRESS. IF  
2 THEY'RE ATTACKING DOMESTIC ANIMALS,  
3 THERE'S SOME OTHER ISSUES WE CAN BRING  
4 INTO PLAY TO HELP ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM.

5 AND I MET WITH THE TRAPPER  
6 EARLIER BEFORE THE MEETING, AND HE'S  
7 SKILLED AT DOING THAT. THAT'S PROBABLY  
8 ONE OF THE BETTER AVENUES YOU HAVE AT  
9 YOUR DISPOSAL TO DO THAT. IF YOU HAVE A  
10 SPECIFIC PROBLEM -- I CAN'T ADDRESS  
11 EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM AT ONCE. IF YOU  
12 CONTACT US, WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN WORK  
13 OUT TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS YOU'RE  
14 HAVING.

15 MS. DESCHAINES: WELL, WE HAVE  
16 WILD TURKEY ON THE FARM --

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE:  
18 MS. DESCHAINES, IF YOU COULD ADDRESS THE  
19 MICROPHONE PLEASE MA'AM.

20 MS. DESCHAINES: WE'VE HAD WILD  
21 TURKEY ON THE FARM COMING INTO THE  
22 BACKYARD WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM AND ENJOY  
23 THEM. AND IT WAS PART OF OUR LOOKING

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1 FORWARD TO BEING THERE, TO SEE THE  
2 TURKEYS. AND OUR RABBITS ARE GONE AND  
3 THE TURKEYS ARE GONE AND WE HAVE NO  
4 QUAIL. I KNOW THAT COYOTES ARE NOT THE  
5 ONLY ANIMAL THAT IS A PREDATOR FOR MY  
6 LITTLE CREATURES --

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8 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)  
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10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: GO AHEAD  
11 MS. DESCHAINES.

12 MS. DESCHAINES: BUT IT TAKES  
13 AWAY FROM OUR PLEASURE AND ENJOYMENT OF  
14 BEING THERE TO ENJOY OUR LAND AND OUR  
15 WILDLIFE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP  
16 AND BRING BACK. SO, WHATEVER Y'ALL CAN  
17 LET ME DO, I'LL CERTAINLY GIVE IT A TRY.

18 CHIEF ANDRESS: LET US KNOW ABOUT  
19 YOUR SPECIFIC SITUATION AND WE'LL SEE  
20 WHAT WE CAN DO.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
22 MS. DESCHAINES. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS  
23 MR. CRAIG GUYER.

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1 DR. GUYER: I'M DR. CRAIG GUYER  
2 AUBURN, ALABAMA; LEE COUNTY. I'M HERE TO  
3 ADDRESS THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS FOR  
4 TURTLE TAKE IN THE STATE. I'M THE PERSON  
5 AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY WHO TEACHES A  
6 HERPETOLOGY COURSE. FOR THE LAST  
7 TWENTY YEARS, MY LAB HAS BEEN INVOLVED  
8 WITH TEACHING ABOUT AMPHIBIANS AND  
9 REPTILES IN THE STATE AND DOING RESEARCH  
10 ON CONSERVATION OF THOSE GROUPS. MUCH OF  
11 THAT HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH TURTLES.

12           PART OF WHAT I DO WHEN I TEACH MY  
13 COURSE IS TO POINT OUT INTERESTING THINGS  
14 ABOUT ALABAMA. AND ONE SORT OF UNDER  
15 APPRECIATED FACT IS, THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
16 HAS MORE TURTLE SPECIES IN OUR BACKYARD  
17 THAN YOU'RE GOING TO FIND ANYWHERE IN THE  
18 WORLD. SO, PART OF WHAT I'M HERE TO DO  
19 TODAY IS TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS  
20 PROPOSED REGULATION TO MAINTAIN THAT  
21 DIVERSITY.

22           I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE OUTDOOR ALABAMA

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1 ARTICLE THAT DOCUMENTS THE ASSAULT ON  
2 THIS PARTICULAR PART OF OUR HERITAGE.  
3 THAT ASSAULT IS FAR BEYOND WHAT ANY OF US  
4 HAD SUSPECTED IT WAS. AND THE PROBLEM IS  
5 CLEARLY A TRADE IN MEAT AT AN  
6 INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, AND TURTLE PRODUCTS,  
7 THAT IS FAR BEYOND WHAT ANYBODY  
8 ENVISIONED IT TO BE.

9           PART OF THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN  
10 DEVELOPING OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS. OUR  
11 NEIGHBORING STATES HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS  
12 PROBLEM AND ENACTED REGULATIONS THAT HAVE  
13 MADE IT FAVORABLE FOR PEOPLE TO COME HERE  
14 IN OUR BACKYARD, WHERE IT IS RELATIVELY  
15 UNREGULATED. I BELIEVE THE PROPOSED  
16 REGULATIONS ARE TIMELY IN THAT THEY WILL  
17 APPROPRIATELY PROTECT THE BREEDING STOCK  
18 OF OUR WILD RANGE TURTLES. I THINK THE  
19 PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS ARE APPROPRIATE  
20 BECAUSE THEY ENACT APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF  
21 MONITORING TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER IS  
22 ENACTED, OUR STATE AGENTS CAN MONITOR  
23 WHETHER WE WERE GETTING THE DESIRED

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1 EFFECT OF THOSE NEW REGULATIONS. I THINK  
2 THEY ARE APPROPRIATE IN THAT THEY ALSO  
3 ALLOW FOR APPROPRIATE FARMING OPERATIONS  
4 TO FLOURISH, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME,  
5 PRESERVING OUR NATIVE STOCKS.

6           IT'S MY PROFESSIONAL OPINION THAT  
7 IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW, THE CURRENT  
8 HARVEST RATES ARE COMPLETELY  
9 UNSUSTAINABLE. AND WE WILL SEE,  
10 RELATIVELY RAPIDLY, THE DECLINE OF OUR  
11 ENTIRE FAUNA, TO THE POINT WHERE THE  
12 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT WILL COME INTO  
13 PLAY. AND HOPEFULLY, WE CAN BE PROACTIVE  
14 ENOUGH TO MAKE SURE THAT DOES NOT HAPPEN.  
15 I HOPE YOU WILL LOOK CAREFULLY AT THOSE  
16 REGULATIONS AND ENACT THEM. THANK YOU.

17           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
18 VERY MUCH. DR. GUYER, HOW MANY TURTLE  
19 SPECIES ARE THERE IN THE STATE? YOU SAID  
20 THERE'S SO MANY; I'M JUST CURIOUS, HOW  
21 MANY WOULD THERE BE?

22           DR. GUYER: THERE'S PROBABLY  
23 THIRTY SOMETHING.

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.

2 DOES THE BOARD HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
3 THANK YOU DR. GUYER. MR. EUGENE HILL IS  
4 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

5 MR. HILL: MY NAME IS EUGENE HILL  
6 AND I'M FROM TALLAPOOSA COUNTY. AND I'M  
7 CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 ALABAMA SQUIRREL DOG ASSOCIATION. AND  
9 I'M HERE ON THE PART OF EXTENDING THE  
10 DEER SEASON IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. WE  
11 OPPOSE THAT. WE'RE NOT AGAINST DEER  
12 HUNTING, BECAUSE A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS  
13 DEER HUNT. BUT WHAT WE ARE -- AND THE  
14 SQUIRREL HUNTERS, THEY JOIN HUNTING  
15 CLUBS. THEY HAVE THE FIRST COUPLE OF  
16 WEEKS IN OCTOBER TO HUNT, AND MOST OF THE  
17 TIME THEY CAN'T HUNT DURING DEER SEASON  
18 UNTIL THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. AND AT THAT  
19 TIME, THAT'S THE PRIME HUNTING FOR  
20 SQUIRRELS WITH THE SQUIRREL DOG.

21 ALSO, THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OPENS  
22 UP A LOT OF LAND THAT'S AVAILABLE. MOST  
23 OF US, OUR PHONES RING OFF THE HOOK

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1 DURING THAT TIME FROM DEER HUNTERS  
2 WANTING TO GO SQUIRREL HUNTING WITH THEIR  
3 DOGS AND CARRY THEIR KIDS; AND WE DO A  
4 LOT OF THAT. I AND TIM COSBY, WHO IS  
5 RETIRED FROM THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT,  
6 AND JEFF BROWN, WHICH IS OUR GAME WARDEN  
7 FROM TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, HE HELPS -- WE DO  
8 A LOT OF YOUTH HUNTS IN FEBRUARY WITH THE  
9 KIDS. WE GO A LOT OF PLACES AND TAKE OUR  
10 DOGS AND UTILIZE THAT TIME TO TEACH THE  
11 KIDS. IT'S A REAL POSITIVE THING.

12 THE SQUIRREL DOG ASSOCIATION,  
13 WE'VE BEEN NOW -- THIS IS OUR FIFTH YEAR.  
14 WE HAVE FIELD TRIALS AND COMPETITIONS FOR  
15 THE SQUIRREL DOGS. THE UKC, WHICH IS THE  
16 UNITED KENNEL CLUB, IT'S ONE OF THE  
17 LARGEST REGISTRIES FOR SPORTING DOGS.  
18 THE LAST TWO YEARS WE'VE HELD THE UKC  
19 NATIONAL SQUIRREL DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS IN  
20 ALABAMA. WE'VE HAD THE TWO LARGEST HUNTS  
21 THEY'VE EVER HAD; AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE  
22 DO.

23 LIKE I SAY, THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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1 OPENS UP A LOT OF TIME FOR THE SMALL GAME  
2 HUNTERS, NOT JUST THE SQUIRREL HUNTERS,  
3 THE RABBIT HUNTERS, AND LIKEWISE. AND WE  
4 ASK THAT YOU KEEP THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY  
5 OPEN FOR THE SQUIRREL HUNTER AND SMALL  
6 GAME HUNTERS.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
8 MR. HILL. WHAT'S Y'ALL'S MEMBERSHIP  
9 TOTAL OF YOUR ORGANIZATION?

10 MR. HILL: OUR MEMBERSHIP TOTAL  
11 IS AROUND A HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.  
13 THANK YOU MR. HILL.

14 MR. HILL: THANK YOU.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT  
16 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. RANDY YEARGAN.

17 MR. YEARGAN: MR. CHAIRMAN,  
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'LL TALK REAL  
19 QUICK. I JUST WANTED TO TELL THE BOARD  
20 THAT THE ALABAMA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION  
21 IS VERY PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE ARCHERY  
22 IN THE SCHOOL PROGRAM. AND I DON'T KNOW  
23 HOW MUCH THAT THAT THE BOARD IS AWARE OF,

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1 BUT YOU'VE PLAYED A BIG PART, I THINK, IN  
2 HELPING THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT TO  
3 GET THAT OFF THE GROUND IN THE STATE.  
4 IT'S BEEN HUGEY SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE VERY  
5 PROUD OF IT AND WE ENJOY BEING A PART OF  
6 IT. WE ENJOYED WORKING WITH THE  
7 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT IN THAT PROJECT.

8 I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND A  
9 PERSONAL INVITATION TO ALL THE BOARD  
10 MEMBERS TO COME TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
11 WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE BIRMINGHAM  
12 JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER, APRIL THE  
13 FIFTEENTH. WE'RE HOPING SOMEWHERE  
14 BETWEEN EIGHT AND NINE HUNDRED KIDS TO  
15 SHOOT FROM ALL OVER THE STATE IN THOSE  
16 CHAMPIONSHIPS. IF YOU WANT TO SEE EIGHT  
17 OR NINE HUNDRED OF OUR FUTURE PROSPECTIVE  
18 OUTDOORSMEN AND OUTDOORSWOMEN IN THE SAME  
19 PLACE SHOOTING A BOW, HAVING A GREAT  
20 TIME, I JUST WANT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION  
21 TO THE BOARD FOR ALL OF YOU TO COME TO  
22 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. IT WILL BE SOMETHING  
23 YOU WON'T FORGET AND IT WILL BE VERY

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1 ENJOYABLE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: COMMISSIONER  
3 LAWLEY, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

4 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THANK Y'ALL  
5 ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 CONSERVATION ON THE HELP THAT YOU'VE  
7 GIVEN. RAY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO STAND UP  
8 A MINUTE. RAY METZLER IS IN CHARGE OF  
9 THIS BOW PROGRAM WITH YOUTH IN THE  
10 SCHOOLS, AND IT IS OUTSTANDING. IF YOU  
11 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO BIRMINGHAM,  
12 YOU OUGHT TO. IT'S AN EXCITING DEAL AND  
13 IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET CONTACT WITH THE  
14 KIDS AT THE SCHOOL.

15 MR. YEARGAN: IT'S BEEN MUCH MORE  
16 SUCCESSFUL THAT ANY OF US ORIGINALLY  
17 THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. AND WE HAD HOPED  
18 THAT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THE PILOT  
19 PROJECT, I GUESS YOU WOULD SAY, THAT  
20 STARTED IN KENTUCKY, BUT I DON'T THINK WE  
21 EVER EXPECTED IT TO GO AS FAST AS IT HAS.  
22 BUT WE'VE GOT WHAT, FORTY-FIVE OR --

23 MR. METZLER: SEVENTY-TWO.

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1 MR. YEARGAN: SEVENTY-TWO SCHOOLS  
2 NOW INVOLVED, AND PROBABLY FORTY OR FIFTY  
3 MORE ON THE LIST LOOKING FOR FUNDING.  
4 AND WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT EVERY DAY,  
5 TRYING TO FIND FUNDING FOR THESE OTHER  
6 SCHOOLS. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, AND I'M SURE  
7 SOME OF YOU'VE HEARD RAY TALK BEFORE, THE  
8 TEACHERS IN THESE SCHOOLS THAT TEACH THIS  
9 CLASS, IT IS A CURRICULUM CLASS. THEY  
10 HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED TO TEACH IT. IT'S  
11 NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN JUST HAVE A  
12 P.E. INSTRUCTOR COME AND TEACH. THEY  
13 HAVE TO BE CERTIFIED TO TEACH IT. RAY IS  
14 TEACHING A CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR THAT.  
15 IT'S SOMETHING THAT KIDS THAT MAY  
16 NOT -- JOCKS, IF YOU WILL, THAT ARE NOT  
17 FOOTBALL PLAYERS, BASKETBALL PLAYERS,  
18 BASEBALL PLAYERS, AND ARE NOT  
19 ATHLETICALLY INCLINED TO PLAY SOME OF  
20 THOSE SPORTS; ANY KID CAN SHOOT A BOW.  
21 A LOT OF KIDS ARE INVOLVED THAT ARE NOT  
22 REAL PROMINENT IN THOSE TYPES OF  
23 ATHLETICS THAT ARE SOME OF THE BEST KIDS

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1 WE'VE GOT SHOOTING BOWS IN THESE ARCHERY  
2 SCHOOL PROGRAMS.  
3 IT'S SOMETHING ANY CHILD CAN BE  
4 INVOLVED IN, BOYS AND GIRLS ALIKE. WE  
5 JUST WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME  
6 SEE THE STATE THAT YOU REPRESENT'S TEAM.  
7 I THINK YOU WOULD BE PLEASED.  
8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE:  
9 MR. YEARGAN, YOU SAID YOU REPRESENT  
10 BOWHUNTERS OF ALABAMA; WHAT IS Y'ALL'S  
11 MEMBERSHIP?  
12 MR. YEARGAN: CURRENTLY, OUR  
13 MEMBERSHIP RIGHT NOW IS AROUND SIX  
14 HUNDRED, I BELIEVE; SOMEWHERE IN THAT  
15 RANGE.  
16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.  
17 MR. HATLEY: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YES, SIR.  
19 MR. HATLEY.  
20 MR. HATLEY: RANDY, HOW MANY  
21 COUNTIES ARE Y'ALL IN NOW? ARE YOU  
22 STATEWIDE WITH THIS YOUTH PROGRAM?  
23 MR. YEARGAN: PRETTY MUCH. YEAH,

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1 I THINK IT'S PRETTY WELL REPRESENTED ALL  
2 OVER THE STATE. RAY, DO YOU KNOW EXACTLY  
3 HOW MANY COUNTIES?  
4 MR. METZLER: I THINK WE HAVE  
5 ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE --THIRTY OR THIRTY-FIVE  
6 COUNTIES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.  
7 THERE'S STILL A LOT OF COUNTIES THAT DO  
8 NOT HAVE SCHOOLS --  
9 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: CAN'T HEAR YOU  
10 RAY.  
11 MR. HATLEY: THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WE

12 CAN.

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14 (LAUGHTER)

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16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THIRTY-FIVE  
17 COUNTIES.

18 MR. YEARGAN: I THINK, AS FAR AS  
19 GEOGRAPHICALLY, IT'S A PRETTY GOOD  
20 REPRESENTATION OF THE WHOLE STATE; IT'S  
21 ALL OVER.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
23 VERY MUCH. DR. STRICKLAND, DID YOU HAVE

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1 A COMMENT?

2 DR. STRICKLAND: HOW ARE YOU  
3 FINANCING?

4 MR. YEARGAN: WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS.  
5 WE GET OUT AND ASK BUSINESSES. WE ASK  
6 INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE MONEY TO SUPPORT  
7 THESE SCHOOLS. AND THE CONSERVATION  
8 DEPARTMENT -- MR. HATLEY HAS GOT HIS HAND  
9 UP, I'VE HIT HIM UP BEFORE. HE'S HELPED  
10 FUND SOME SCHOOLS. WE JUST GO OUT AND  
11 ASK INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS TO  
12 DONATE MONEY TO HELP.

13 THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT IS  
14 ABLE TO HAVE A THING THAT HELPS SUPPORT A  
15 PORTION OF THE COST, AND THE REST OF IT  
16 THE SCHOOL HAS TO COME UP WITH. WE GET  
17 OUT AND ASK TO DONATE, AND SO FAR WE'VE  
18 BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL ASKING BUSINESSES TO  
19 BE A PART OF THAT.

20 DR. STRICKLAND: ARE THE  
21 PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE?

22 MR. YEARGAN: WELL, THE STATE  
23 CHAMPIONSHIP -- THERE IS A SMALL FEE AT

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1 THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, BUT OTHER THAN  
2 THAT, NO.

3 DR. STRICKLAND: AND ONE OTHER  
4 QUESTION, I KNOW YOU THAT IF PUT ON THE  
5 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND IT'S EIGHT TO  
6 NINE HUNDRED KIDS, WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO  
7 FINANCE THE CONVENTION CENTER?

8 MR. METZLER: TWENTY THOUSAND.

9 DR. STRICKLAND: TWENTY THOUSAND.

10 MR. METZLER: NINETEEN TO TWENTY  
11 THOUSAND ARE OUR TOTAL EXPENSES.

12 MR. HATLEY: IS THAT THE TOTAL  
13 YEAR OR JUST THE STATE --

14 MR. METZLER: THAT'S THAT ONE  
15 DAY --

16 MR. YEARGAN: THAT'S THE STATE  
17 CHAMPIONSHIP, JUST FOR THAT EVENT.

18 DR. STRICKLAND: WHAT YOU NEED TO  
19 DO IS PUT A BASKET IN THE BACK AND ASK  
20 EVERYBODY IN HERE WHETHER THEY WANT TO  
21 DONATE.

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23 (LAUGHTER)

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2 MR. YEARGAN: ANYBODY THAT KNOWS  
3 OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR A COMPANY THAT IS  
4 INTERESTED IN FUNDING THE SCHOOL, EVEN --  
5 THIS MONEY IS NOT PUT INTO A POOL THAT  
6 GOES TO A SCHOOL THAT WE OR THE  
7 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT PICKS OUT. IF A  
8 COMPANY IS IN A CERTAIN COUNTY OR CERTAIN  
9 AREA THAT WANTS TO FUND A SCHOOL, THEY  
10 CAN EARMARK WHICH COUNTY OR SCHOOL SYSTEM  
11 THAT MONEY GOES TO. IT IS NOT SOMETHING  
12 THAT WE CHOOSE. IF THEY HAVE A CERTAIN  
13 SCHOOL OR A CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
14 THAT THEY WANT TO EARMARK THAT MONEY FOR,  
15 THEN WE MAKE SURE THAT'S WHERE THAT MONEY  
16 GOES.  
17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.  
18 THANK YOU MR. YEARGAN.  
19 MR. YEARGAN: YOU'RE WELCOME.  
20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT  
21 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. CHARLES BORDEN.  
22 DR. BORDEN: I'M DR. CHARLES  
23 BORDEN AND I'M A DENTIST UP IN BOLTON.

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1 THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO --  
2 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: STAND UP CLOSE  
3 TO THE MIC.  
4 DR. BORDEN: I KNOW THAT I'M  
5 TALKING TO THE CHOIR HERE, BUT WE HAVE  
6 ONE OF THE BEST CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTS  
7 IN THE NATION, DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN IN  
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE OFFICERS  
9 HERE. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU  
10 AND COMMENT ALL OF YOU FOR THE WORK YOU  
11 DO FOR ALL OF US HUNTERS. I KNOW THAT  
12 ROBIN WILL KEEP YOU STRAIGHT AND I KNOW  
13 YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO A GOOD JOB.  
14 WHAT I CAME HERE TODAY FOR IS TO  
15 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO ESTABLISH  
16 A BUCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN BANKHEAD  
17 NATIONAL FOREST; THAT'S WHERE I LIVE.  
18 I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF BANKHEAD. ALL  
19 OF US AROUND THE STATE, HUNTERS, WE ARE  
20 ALWAYS LOOKING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF  
21 TROPHY BUCKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE.  
22 BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST IS A GREAT  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.

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1 WE'VE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL  
2 PROGRAM IN FREEDOM HILL, AND THE HUNTERS  
3 THERE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. AND  
4 IT HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY  
5 OF BUCKS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND I HAVE  
6 TO DEMONSTRATE TO ALL OF YOU MEMBERS OF  
7 THE ADVISORY BOARD THAT WE DO HAVE LOCAL  
8 SUPPORT. I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT AND I  
9 KNOW THE HUNTERS. I'VE HUNTED THERE ALL  
10 MY LIFE. I HAVE A LETTER FROM A STATE  
11 REPRESENTATIVE WHO'S SUPPORTING

12 DEVELOPING A PROGRAM, A PROBATE JUDGE,  
13 SOME OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND YOU  
14 HAVE THOSE THINGS ON YOUR DESK THERE.

15 I WOULD CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE YOU  
16 TO ASSIST US AND GET THAT IMPLEMENTED FOR  
17 US DURING THIS NEXT YEAR. I THINK THAT  
18 WE CAN START WITH SOMETHING LIKE FREEDOM  
19 HILLS HAS WHERE ANTLER BUCKS WILL BE  
20 THREE POINTS ON ONE SIDE. THE  
21 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT CAN MONITOR THIS  
22 FOR A FEW YEARS AND SEE IF IT WORKS OUT.  
23 IF THEY NEED TO ADJUST OR MODIFY IT IN

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1 ANY WAY TO BETTER ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE'RE  
2 TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, THEN THAT'S ALWAYS  
3 OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND THAT'S THEIR  
4 CHOICE TO DO THAT. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE  
5 THAT VERY MUCH.

6 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ALSO  
7 HAVE UP THERE IS THE SITUATION WITH TWO  
8 ZONES, ZONE A AND ZONE B, EAST AND WEST  
9 SIDE OF HIGHWAY 33. I'M A BOWHUNTER  
10 PRIMARILY. WHAT THEY DO IS, WHEN THEY  
11 HAVE A GUN HUNT ON ONE SIDE, THE OPPOSITE  
12 SIDE IS CLOSED TO BOWHUNTING.

13 WELL, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE HUNTERS,  
14 MOST OF YOU ARE -- YOU KNOW THAT WHEN  
15 YOU'RE BOWHUNTING, IT'S SORT OF A  
16 DIFFERENT SETTING THAN WHEN YOU'RE GUN  
17 HUNTING. YOU LIKE FOR THINGS TO BE  
18 UNDISTURBED WHEN YOU'RE IN THE WOODS AND  
19 YOU MAY CLIMB UP IN A TREE AND SIT THERE.  
20 GUN HUNTERS, SOME DO THAT, SOME LIKE TO  
21 GET OUT AND DO A LOT OF STALKING AROUND,  
22 WHICH IS ALL FINE AND GOOD. THAT'S THE  
23 WAY I GREW UP HUNTING WAS STRICTLY GUN

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1 HUNTING, BUT I SWITCHED TO BOW HUNTING  
2 BECAUSE I JUST THOROUGHLY ENJOY IT.

3 I PREFER TO HUNT WHERE THE GUN  
4 HUNTERS ARE NOT HUNTING. SO, IT PRESENTS  
5 A DILEMMA FOR ME WHEN GUN SEASON DOES  
6 OPEN THAT THE GUN HUNTERS ARE HUNTING ON  
7 ONE SIDE AND THE OTHER SIDE OF THE  
8 MANAGEMENT AREA IS TOTALLY CLOSED THAT  
9 WEEKEND. OF COURSE MOST OF US ARE  
10 WORKING DURING THE WEEK, SO THAT'S WHEN  
11 YOU'RE HUNTING.

12 I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU LOOK AT  
13 THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE OPPOSITE  
14 SIDE OPEN TO BOWHUNTING WHEN ONE SIDE IS  
15 OPEN FOR GUN HUNTING. THAT PRESENTS THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BOWHUNTERS  
17 TO HUNT AND NOT BE DISTURBED BY THE  
18 ACTIVITY OF THE OTHER HUNTERS. I TALKED  
19 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE THERE AND I  
20 TALKED TO THE GAME REFUGE MANAGER AND THE  
21 WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST IN BANKHEAD, KEVIN  
22 HOLSONBACK UP THERE. HE DOES NOT HAVE AN  
23 OPINION, PARTICULARLY, ABOUT IT. BUT I



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1 DON'T KNOW OF ANY PARTICULAR LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS THAT WE WOULD  
3 ENCOUNTER BY DOING THAT, AND I WOULD  
4 SURELY ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
5 THAT.  
6 WE DEFINITELY NEED THIS BUCK  
7 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED UP THERE.  
8 THIS UPCOMING SEASON WILL BE A PERFECT  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO GO AHEAD AND GET THAT  
10 IMPLEMENTED.  
11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. MOODY,  
12 WHAT IS THE CURRENT ANTLERLESS BUCK  
13 PROGRAM IN THE BANKHEAD NATIONAL FOREST?  
14 MR. MOODY: WELL, THERE'S TWO  
15 DIFFERENT THINGS. IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER  
16 YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE BLACK WARRIOR  
17 MANAGEMENT AREA OR BANKHEAD NATIONAL  
18 FOREST. THE MANAGEMENT AREA (INAUDIBLE)  
19 AND I THINK IT'S NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND  
20 ACRES OF THE NATIONAL FOREST, AND IT HAS  
21 TWO ZONES, A AND B.  
22 MR. PORTER: GARY, COULD YOU  
23 STAND UP? I DON'T KNOW IF THE COURT

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1 REPORTER CAN NECESSARILY HEAR YOU.  
2 MR. MOODY: YEAH, WE WERE TALKING  
3 ABOUT MANAGEMENT AREA PORTION OF THE  
4 NATURAL FOREST THERE. AND IT'S  
5 NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND ACRES, ROUGHLY  
6 NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND ACRES, IN TWO  
7 ZONES. ALL ARCHERY HUNTING IS ANTLERLESS  
8 FOR EITHER SEX, AND THEN WE HAVE SOME  
9 EITHER-SEX GUN HUNTING DURING YEAR. WE  
10 TRADITIONALLY HAD HARVEST IN THAT AREA AT  
11 A LEVEL THAT WE FEEL SUSTAINS THE BALANCE  
12 FOR US. AND IF YOU LIKE, I COULD GIVE  
13 YOU THAT DATA.  
14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'M JUST  
15 CURIOUS, THERE IS AN ANTLERLESS SEASON?  
16 MR. MOODY: YES.  
17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IS THERE ANY  
18 OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? VERY  
19 GOOD, THANK YOU DOCTOR. THE NEXT SPEAKER  
20 WILL BE MR. NORRIS LEWEY.

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22 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IS LEWEY  
2 L-E-W-E-Y?  
3 MR. LEWEY: L-E-W-E-Y. YES, SIR.  
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5 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)  
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7 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: STEP AWAY FROM  
8 IT, OR HIT IT.

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10 (LAUGHTER)

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12 MR. LEWEY: IS IT WORKING NOW?

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. LEWEY,  
14 GO AHEAD.

15 MR. LEWEY: GOOD MORNING LADIES  
16 AND GENTLEMEN. I'M NORRIS LEWEY FROM  
17 FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA, IN THE NORTHWEST  
18 CORNER OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IN ALABAMA.  
19 AND WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DOG DEER  
20 HUNTING. IN 2003, WE WAS CALLED UP AND  
21 ACTIVATED TO GO TO IRAQ TO SERVE FOR OUR  
22 COUNTRY AND FIGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE  
23 IRAQI PEOPLE. AND WHILE WE'RE OVER

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1 THERE, WE'RE LOSING OUR RIGHT TO DO  
2 HUNTING IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

3 I GOT FOUR LITTLE GRANDSONS  
4 COMING HOME AND I'VE ALWAYS DOG DEER  
5 HUNTED. AND WE'VE GOT ABOUT TEN THOUSAND  
6 ACRES TO HUNT. SO, I WANT THE ADVISORY  
7 BOARD TO LOOK AT FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE  
8 SURROUNDING COUNTIES. WE NEED DOG THERE.  
9 WE'VE BEEN (INAUDIBLE) THE DOG HUNTING IN  
10 FRANKLIN COUNTY.

11 WHEN I LEFT IN 2003, AND WAS  
12 ACTIVATED, GOVERNOR BOB RILEY MET WITH US  
13 AT THE ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD AT  
14 RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. AND HE SAID, IF  
15 THERE'S ANYTHING THAT HE CAN DO TO HELP  
16 US, HE WOULD DO ANYTHING HE COULD. I'M  
17 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FRANKLIN  
18 COUNTY, I ASKED HIM TO APPOINT MY WIFE TO  
19 FILL IN FOR ME AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION  
20 TO HELP GET THE DOG LICENSE. AND HE  
21 SAID, I'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.

22 HE DID APPOINT MY WIFE TO SERVE  
23 IN MY PLACE WHILE I WAS GONE TO IRAQ. I

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1 STAYED ELEVEN MONTHS AND TWO WEEKS IN  
2 IRAQ. I'VE SEEN A LOT OF BAD STUFF. BUT  
3 TO THINK THAT WE GO OVER THERE AND FIGHT  
4 FOR THEIR FREEDOM, AND WE'RE LOSING OUR'S  
5 EVERY DAY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, MARION  
6 COUNTY, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, AND A LOT OF  
7 THEM.

8 WE WANT TO DEER HUNT THE DOGS.  
9 Y'ALL NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT IT AND SEE  
10 IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE  
11 CHANGED. I'M NOT FOR DOING AWAY WITH THE  
12 BOWHUNTERS, JUST GIVE US OUR FAIR SHARE;  
13 JUST DON'T MISTREAT US.

14 THE GAME WARDEN CALLED ON ME AND  
15 MY WIFE. YOU KNOW, I TRY TO DO WHAT'S  
16 RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.  
17 I'M SERVING FOR THE THIRD TIME AS COUNTY  
18 COMMISSIONER. THAT TELLS YOU A LITTLE  
19 BIT THAT I'M DOING WHAT'S RIGHT. I WANT  
20 Y'ALL TO LOOK AT THIS THING REAL GOOD.  
21 THANK YOU.

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23 (APPLAUSE)

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CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
MR. LEWEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN  
IRAQ. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE  
MS. CHIQUITA BAKER.

MS. BAKER: I'M CHIQUITA BAKER  
FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY AND I JUST WANT TO  
THE THANK THE BOARD FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
FOR THE LANDOWNERS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.  
AND I WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE,  
PUBLICLY, WHAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE. YOU  
HAVE BEEN THE MOST ACCESSIBLE BOARD THAT  
I HAVE SEEN, AND I'VE BEEN COMING FOR TEN  
YEARS.

NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF  
THE BOARD MEETINGS THAT I HAVE ATTENDED,  
HAVE THE BOARD MEMBERS GONE OUT INTO  
THEIR DISTRICT AND WORKED WITH THE PEOPLE  
OF THAT DISTRICT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT.  
AND AS A HUNTER, I THINK THIS BOARD HAS  
ALLOWED AND AFFORDED US THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO HUNT IN DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF WAYS TO  
HUNT THAN ANY OTHER BOARD.

YOU GUYS ALLOWED THE  
MUZZLELOADERS, THE SCOPES ON  
MUZZLELOADERS; YOU'VE ALLOWED CROSSBOWS,  
AND YOU ALLOWED TURKEY DECOYS. AND I'VE  
DONE IT ALL. SINCE THEN, I WENT OUT AND  
PURCHASED EVERY ONE OF THEM. I HAVEN'T  
BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, BUT I HAVE NEW TOYS  
TO PLAY WITH. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU  
GUYS AND LET YOU KNOW THAT I REALLY  
APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE. THANK YOU.

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH MS. BAKER. THE NEXT SPEAKER  
WILL BE MR. RICKEY CONE.

MR. CONE: MY NAME IS RICKEY  
CONE. I REPRESENT HOLLOW POINT HUNTING  
CLUB UP IN MARION COUNTY.

(WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED  
THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD. THE  
SPEAKER MADE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS.)

MR. CONE: THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS,  
WE'RE BORDERED WITH A DOG HUNTING CLUB

THAT HAS LAND IN MARION COUNTY AND WALKER  
COUNTY. I DON'T THINK THEY EVER TURNED  
THEIR DOGS LOSE IN WALKER COUNTY, BECAUSE  
EVERY WEEKEND THEY TURN THEM LOOSE ON NEW  
RIVER. NEW RIVER RUNS THROUGH THE EAST  
SIDE OF OUR PROPERTY AND WE HAVE TWO  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR ACRES ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THAT RIVER THAT THEY WON'T  
LET US GET TO.

IT'S EVERY WEEKEND THAT WE HAVE  
DOGS. AND SOMETIMES THE DOGS GETS ACROSS

12 THE RIVER AND IT'S FOUR OR FIVE DAYS  
13 BEFORE THEY COME GET THEIR DOGS. THEY  
14 ARE ROAMING OUR PROPERTY AND STILL  
15 HUNTING CLUB. WE ARE REQUIRED TO BE A  
16 STILL HUNTING CLUB, BECAUSE THE  
17 LANDOWNERS WON'T LET US RUN DOGS.  
18 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE IS:  
19 HIGHWAY 13 WEST, NO DOGS TO BE TURNED  
20 LOOSE; AND HIGHWAY 13 EAST, LET THEM  
21 DOGS. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE DOG  
22 HUNTERS LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE.  
23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WHAT COUNTY

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1 IS THIS?  
2 MR. CONE: IN MARION COUNTY.  
3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IN MARION  
4 COUNTY. OKAY, GO AHEAD.  
5 MR. CONE: THEY WOULD BE LOSING  
6 ABOUT A MILE OF WALKER COUNTY FROM  
7 HIGHWAY 13 WEST. AND IT'S GETTING TO BE  
8 A REAL PROBLEM, BECAUSE THEY TURN DOGS  
9 LOOSE RIGHT ON THE RIVER; WE CAN HEAR  
10 THEM. IF WE COULD HEAR THE DOGS COMING  
11 FROM A LONG DISTANCE OFF, IT WOULD BE  
12 DIFFERENT.  
13 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS SEE  
14 THAT IF THEY DO IT, DO IT RIGHT. TURN  
15 THE DOGS LOOSE IN WALKER. IF THEY LET  
16 THEM LOOSE IN MARION COUNTY, THAT'S  
17 FINE. BUT DON'T TURN THEM LOOSE IN  
18 MARION COUNTY AND RUN THEM ON SOMEONE  
19 ELSE'S PROPERTY. THANK YOU.  
20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT  
21 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. PAUL JEFFREYS.  
22 MR. JEFFREYS: MORNING, BOARD.  
23 MY NAME IS PAUL JEFFREYS AND I'M FROM

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1 LAMAR COUNTRY. I WILL BE VERY BRIEF  
2 TODAY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS  
3 FOR THE RESTRICTION THEY PLACED ON LAMAR,  
4 FRANKLIN, AND MARION COUNTIES ON DOG DEER  
5 HUNTING. I SPOKE WITH LANDOWNERS OF --

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7 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)

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9 MR. JEFFREYS: -- AND OF COURSE  
10 WINSTON COUNTY.

11 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: I DON'T KNOW  
12 WHAT IT IS. I'M SORRY.

13 MR. JEFFREYS: LANDOWNERS FROM  
14 ALL THE COUNTIES, THEY ALL ENJOY HUNTING  
15 NOW AND WE'RE GLAD TO SEE THE BAN. AND I  
16 WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY  
17 ONE OF YOU FOR IT AND ASK YOU TO MAINTAIN  
18 IT.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
20 MR. JEFFREYS. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE  
21 MR. WILLIE STINSON.

22 MR. STINSON: GOOD MORNING. I'M  
23 (INAUDIBLE) WALKER COUNTY.

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2 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED  
3 THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD. THE  
4 SPEAKER MADE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS.)  
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7 MR. STINSON: I'M HERE TODAY TO  
8 ASK FOR HELP, WHERE WE HAVE ABOUT EIGHT  
9 HUNDRED ACRES UP AGAINST BUTLER COUNTY.  
10 WE'RE SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 10 AND NORTH OF  
11 106. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DOG CLUBS.  
12 WE'VE HAD IT FOR MANY YEARS, BUT WE  
13 RECENTLY LEASED A LOT OF LAND THAT THIS  
14 CLUB LOST, BECAUSE OF RUNNING DOGS.

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16 EVER SINCE WE'VE LEASED IT,  
17 WE'VE HAD -- IT'S JUST BEEN BAD. THEY  
18 DIRECTED ME TOWARD Y'ALL AND THE  
19 CONSERVATION OFFICERS TO SEE ABOUT  
20 WORKING WITH US. WE DO HAVE THEM WORKING  
21 WITH US AND THEY POINTED US IN THIS  
22 DIRECTION. WE'RE ALL AT OUR LAST --

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24 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YOU'RE IN  
25 BUTLER COUNTY?

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27 MR. STINSON: YES, SIR. WHOSE

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2 DISTRICT IS BUTLER COUNTY IN?

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4 (INAUDIBLE).

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7 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)

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9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT WOULD BE  
10 A GREAT START FOR YOU.

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12 MR. STINSON: I APPRECIATE THAT.

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14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD,  
15 THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE  
16 DENISE BROWN.

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18 MS. BROWN: I THINK I'M GOING TO

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20 PASS.

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22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: PARDON?

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24 MS. BROWN: I'M GOING TO PASS IT  
25 THIS TIME.

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27 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MS. DENISE  
28 BROWN WILL PASS. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL  
29 BE DOUGLAS RAY BRYANT, SR.

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31 MR. BRYANT: GOOD MORNING. I'M

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33 DOUGLAS RAY BRYANT, SR. FROM FRANKLIN  
34 COUNTY ALABAMA, NORTHWEST ALABAMA. I  
35 JUST WANTED TO TALK TO THE COMMITTEE

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37 TODAY ABOUT THE DOG HUNTING

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39 OPPORTUNITIES.

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41 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: SPEAK UP,  
42 PLEASE SIR.

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44 MR. BRYANT: I JUST WANTED TO  
45 TALK TO THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THE DOG DEER  
46 HUNTING. MY FAMILY, THEIR HERITAGE HAS  
47 BEEN DOG DEER HUNTING FOR AT LEAST THREE  
48 OR FOUR GENERATIONS. I'VE GOT TWENTY-TWO  
49 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE QUIT HUNTING,  
50 PERIOD, WHEN THEY LOST THEIR DOGS IN

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12 FRANKLIN COUNTY ALABAMA.

13 MY GRANDPAW, MY UNCLES -- IF YOU  
14 NEED NAMES, I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU. THEY  
15 AIN'T BOUGHT A HUNTING LICENSE SINCE. IT  
16 JUST AIN'T NO FUN. IT AIN'T JUST ABOUT  
17 KILLING ANIMALS, IT'S ABOUT HEARING THEM  
18 DOGS RUN. IN FRANKLIN COUNTY I'VE GOT  
19 LAND JOINING THREE OR FOUR DIFFERENT  
20 HUNTING CLUBS AROUND (INAUDIBLE) MARION  
21 COUNTY, LAMAR. I WOULD JUST ASK THAT  
22 Y'ALL LOOK INTO THAT.

23 AND MAYBE, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A

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1 LOT OF HUNTERS IN ALABAMA THAT'S QUIT  
2 HUNTING IN OUR AREA. THERE'S JUST AS  
3 MANY HUNTERS IN OUR PART OF ALABAMA THAT  
4 DON'T HUNT THAT IS. IT'S A VERY BIG  
5 HERITAGE THAT'S IN OUR COUNTY, ESPECIALLY  
6 FOR MY KIDS AND GRANDKIDS. IT'S THE WAY  
7 OF LIFE, THE ONLY WAY WE WAS RAISED TO  
8 HUNT.

9 I'VE HAD TEN KNEE SURGERIES. I  
10 CAN'T SIT IN A SHOOTING HOUSE. I CAN'T  
11 CLIMB A LADDER STAND. I KNOW I LOOK LIKE  
12 I COME DOWN HERE WALKING FINE, BUT THIRTY  
13 OR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES FROM NOW,  
14 (INAUDIBLE).

15 IN OUR COUNTY, I WENT AROUND TO  
16 MOST OF THE PEOPLE, THE COMMISSIONERS,  
17 SHERIFF, STUFF LIKE THAT. WE AIN'T HAD  
18 NO COMPLAINTS ON DOG DEER RUNNING, NO  
19 FINES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I HAVE GOT  
20 FIVE HUNDRED ADJOINING ACRES IN FRANKLIN  
21 COUNTY. WE'VE GOT A THOUSAND ACRES IN  
22 MARION COUNTY AND WE HUNT A LOT OF PUBLIC  
23 LAND. I'M ALSO A RABBIT HUNTER.

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1 WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS, I WAS  
2 A DOG DEER HUNTER FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.  
3 WELL, I QUIT AND GAVE MY DEER DOGS AWAY.  
4 I STARTED RABBIT HUNTING AND I HEARD,  
5 LAST MEETING, THAT BOWHUNTERS WERE ASKING  
6 FOR MORE TIME IN FEBRUARY TO BOWHUNT.  
7 I'M NOT AGAINST BOWHUNTERS, I'M NOT  
8 AGAINST NO HUNTING, PERIOD. I LOVE DOG  
9 HUNTING IN GENERAL. IF Y'ALL DO THAT,  
10 IT'S GOING TO INTERFERE WITH THE SQUIRREL  
11 HUNTERS, THE HOUND HUNTERS, THE RABBIT  
12 HUNTERS AND EVEN THE COON HUNTERS.

13 MOST OF THE RABBIT SEASON -- IT  
14 STARTS THE SAME DAY THAT BOW SEASON DOES.  
15 LAST YEAR WAS OCTOBER THIRD OR FOURTH.  
16 ANYWAY, BOW SEASON STARTS THE FIFTEENTH.  
17 WE DON'T REALLY GET TO RABBIT HUNT A LOT  
18 OF PLACES UNTIL DEER SEASON GOES OUT.

19 I'VE GOT PEOPLE AND THEIR KIDS  
20 CALLING ME, WANTING TO RABBIT HUNT. BUT  
21 THEY DON'T RABBIT HUNT THEIR CLUBS  
22 BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO DISTURB THE  
23 DEER HUNTING. AND I'M AFRAID THAT IF YOU

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1 TAKE AWAY THE DOG DEER HUNTING IN  
2 FRANKLIN COUNTY, AND IF YOU ALLOW THE  
3 BOWHUNTERS TO HAVE THE EXTRA TIME IN  
4 FEBRUARY, THE RABBIT HUNTERS WILL BE  
5 PUSHED ASIDE AND THAT'S THE ONLY MONTH WE  
6 HAVE TO REALLY TO GET IN THERE AND HUNT,  
7 AND WE CARRY THE KIDS. WE CARRY A LOT OF  
8 YOUTH HUNTS.

9 THAT'S, BASICALLY, ALL I HAVE TO  
10 SAY TODAY IS, IF THAT HAPPENS, THE RABBIT  
11 HUNTER WILL BE PUSHED ASIDE. DON'T WORRY  
12 ABOUT LOSING -- IF THEY DO THAT, I FEEL  
13 THAT THE RABBIT HUNTING DOGS WILL GET  
14 PUSHED AWAY TOO. I APPRECIATE Y'ALL  
15 LISTENING TO ME. ALL OF Y'ALL ARE DOING  
16 A GOOD JOB AND I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU  
17 KNOW A POINT ABOUT THAT.

18 THE GAME WARDENS IN OUR AREA ARE  
19 WORKING HARD WITH US AND DOING A GOOD  
20 JOB. WE'VE HAD NO COMPLAINTS. I JUST  
21 WANTED TO LET THE ADVISORY BOARD KNOW  
22 ABOUT MY FAMILY. YOU KNOW, THERE'S  
23 TWENTY-TWO OF US THAT QUIT HUNTING,

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1 PERIOD. THAT'S A HERITAGE THAT THEY ONLY  
2 KNOW. AND THEY JUST FEEL LIKE  
3 (INAUDIBLE). THEY BOUGHT HUNTING  
4 LICENSES. THEY AIN'T THE TYPE THAT DON'T  
5 BUY HUNTING LICENSES. THEY BOUGHT THEM  
6 ALL THEIR LIVES, EVERY YEAR. WHEN Y'ALL  
7 STOPPED THE DEER DOG HUNTING, THEY DIDN'T  
8 WANT TO RABBIT HUNT.

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10 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)

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12 MR. BRYANT: ANOTHER THING THAT  
13 I'VE NOTICED IS THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT  
14 DON'T LIVE IN OUR COUNTY, TRYING TO  
15 REPRESENT FRANKLIN COUNTY. I BELIEVE, IF  
16 THEY DON'T LIVE IN OUR COUNTY AND DON'T  
17 HUNT IN OUR COUNTY, THAT THEY SHOULDN'T  
18 SAY THAT, WELL, WE'VE GOT PROBLEMS OVER  
19 HERE. IF THEY DON'T LIVE THERE OR HUNT  
20 THERE -- I'M NOT POINTING ANY NAMES OR  
21 NOTHING. I'M JUST SAYING I WOULD NOT  
22 COME TO YOUR COUNTY AND SAY, WE'VE GOT  
23 PROBLEMS.

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1 I JUST, YOU KNOW, I WISH THE  
2 ADVISORY BOARD WOULD LOOK OVER IT AND  
3 LOOK OVER IT GOOD. THERE'S PEOPLE IN MY  
4 FAMILY THAT HUNTED FOR THREE GENERATIONS  
5 AND HAVE QUIT HUNTING. THEY DON'T BUY  
6 HUNTING LICENSE AND I KNOW IT'S REVENUE  
7 THAT THE STATE COULD USE. I APPRECIATE  
8 YOU LISTENING TO MY THING THERE AND --

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10 (APPLAUSE)

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12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
13 VERY MUCH MR. BRYANT, VERY GOOD. THE  
14 NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JEFF GOODSON.  
15 MR. GOODSON: GOOD MORNING. MY  
16 NAME IS JEFF GOODSON. I HUNT IN HENRY  
17 COUNTY AT WELLS BRANCH HUNTING CLUB,  
18 THERE AND A COUPLE OF OTHER CLUBS IN THAT  
19 AREA. I APPRECIATE Y'ALL'S TIME. OUR  
20 DOG HUNTING HAS GONE WELL FOR US. THIS  
21 PAST YEAR WE HAD AN EXCEPTIONAL SEASON,  
22 NOT AS FAR AS TAKING DEER, BUT AS FAR AS  
23 NOT HAVING ANY PROBLEMS.

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1 WE WORK REAL HARD ON IT, WE DO A  
2 LOT OF WORK ON OUR LAND TO ENABLE US TO  
3 CONTAIN OUR DOGS. AND I JUST WANTED TO  
4 LET YOU KNOW THAT AS FAR AS WE'RE  
5 CONCERNED, AND OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN  
6 THAT HUNT WITH US, WE HAD A GOOD HUNTING  
7 SEASON. AND WE APPRECIATE Y'ALL'S HELP  
8 AND CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING DOG HUNTING  
9 FOR US. THANK YOU.

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11 (APPLAUSE)

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13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT  
14 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. RICKEY HAYES.

15 MR. HAYES: MR. CHAIRMAN,  
16 COMMISSIONER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M  
17 RICKEY HAYES FROM HENRY COUNTY. I LIVE  
18 IN (INAUDIBLE) AND OWN A LITTLE PROPERTY  
19 THERE AND I DOG HUNT. FOR THE LAST TWO  
20 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN UNDER THE PERMIT  
21 SYSTEM. AND I'M NOT GOING TO STAND HERE  
22 AND TELL YOU THAT IT'S A PERFECT SYSTEM  
23 FOR EITHER SIDE, BUT IT'S A SYSTEM THAT

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1 ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO DOG HUNT AND DO  
2 IT IN A MANNER THAT WE ENJOY.

3 WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY FOUR  
4 THOUSAND ACRES THAT WE DEER HUNT. WE'VE  
5 GIVEN UP ON HUNTING ABOUT A THOUSAND  
6 ACRES OF IT THAT COMES INTO CONTACT WITH  
7 A STALK HUNTING CLUB THAT WE HAVE A  
8 CONFLICT WITH. WE TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM  
9 THAT TO AVOID THE CONFLICT.

10 FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS -- I'M NOT  
11 GOING TO TELL YOU A DOG IS NOT GOING TO  
12 GET OUT EVENTUALLY. WE TRY TO KEEP THAT  
13 FROM HAPPENING. WE TRY TO ELIMINATE THAT  
14 AND CONTROL IT AND TRY TO KEEP IT FROM  
15 HAPPENING. WE'VE HAD HELP FROM THE  
16 CONSERVATION OFFICERS KEEPING THIS THING  
17 GOING. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CAPTAIN  
18 HERRING AND MR. LOUIS COLES WHO  
19 IMPLEMENTED THIS PERMIT SYSTEM, AND OUR  
20 CONSERVATION OFFICERS IN HENRY COUNTY,  
21 OFFICER MADDOX AND OFFICER DOSTER.

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23 (APPLAUSE)



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2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT  
3 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. PHILLIP HOLLAND.  
4 MR. HOLLAND: I'M PHILLIP  
5 HOLLAND. I'M FROM DALE COUNTY AND I'M  
6 REPRESENTING THE DOG HUNTERS IN DALE  
7 COUNTY, WHERE LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, DOG  
8 HUNTING WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM US IN JUST A  
9 SMALL PORTION OF DALE COUNTY. I WANTED  
10 TO WE SAY THAT WE LOST OUR HUNTING TO THE  
11 FACT THAT THE WAY IT WAS DONE AND TAKEN  
12 AWAY FROM US, WE SEEN WE WERE TREATED  
13 UNFAIRLY, OR WHATEVER. WE WASN'T EVEN  
14 CONSIDERED FOR THE PERMIT SYSTEM,  
15 UNDOUBTEDLY.  
16 WE HAD PEOPLE CALL, AND EVEN THE  
17 GAME OFFICIALS CAME AND TOLD THE BOARD  
18 AND MR. LAWLEY THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE A  
19 GREAT PROBLEM WITH DOGS IN DALE COUNTY.  
20 AND EVEN THE COMMISSION CALLED TO TALK  
21 ABOUT THE PROBLEM. THEY WOULD LIKE TO  
22 SEE AT LEAST A PERMIT SYSTEM, OR SOME  
23 TYPE OF SYSTEM, THAT BENEFITS BOTH SIDES.

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1 WE GOT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT  
2 IT BE TERMINATED UNLESS WE REACH AN  
3 AGREEMENT (INAUDIBLE) THE LANDOWNERS.  
4 THE LANDOWNERS WERE NOT GOING TO SIGN IT.  
5 WE WERE NOT GOING TO REACH ANY AGREEMENT  
6 WITH THEM. THEY HAD WHAT THEY WANTED AT  
7 THAT TIME, IT WAS ABOLISHED. I FEEL LIKE  
8 WE WERE UNFAIRLY DONE WITH THIS TAKING  
9 OUR DOG HUNTING AWAY FROM US. AND THERE  
10 SHOULD BE A PLACE FOR THE DOG HUNTER AND  
11 THE STALK HUNTER. AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE  
12 REACHED THAT WOULD BENEFIT BOTH OF THEM.  
13 SOME DAYS TO HUNT THE DOGS AND SOME DAYS  
14 TO STALK HUNT. THERE SHOULD BE A PLACE  
15 FOR BOTH SIDES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
16 IT RECONSIDERED THAT YOU, MAYBE, GIVE US  
17 A CHANCE.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
19 VERY MUCH.

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21 (APPLAUSE)

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23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT

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1 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. DON KNIGHT.  
2 MR. KNIGHT, BEFORE YOU GET STARTED,  
3 WE'VE BEEN ASKING ANYBODY REPRESENTING AN  
4 ASSOCIATION, WHAT'S THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
5 DOGHUNTERS ASSOCIATION?

6 MR. KNIGHT: ABOUT EIGHT  
7 THOUSAND.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY. GO  
9 AHEAD.

10 MR. KNIGHT: I'M DON KNIGHT, AND  
11 STATE PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA STATE

12 DOGHUNTERS ASSOCIATION. I'M GOING TO BE  
13 BRIEF THIS MORNING ALSO. I KNOW YOU GET  
14 TIRED OF HEARING THE SAME ONES. I SENT  
15 YOU AN ARTICLE THAT WAS WRITTEN IN SPORTS  
16 AND FIELD. I JUST ASK Y'ALL TO READ  
17 THAT. IT GIVES REAL GOOD INFORMATION  
18 ABOUT WHY WE LIKE OUR DOGS AND WHY PEOPLE  
19 CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR DOG HUNTING. AND  
20 IF YOU WOULD, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
21 READ THAT ARTICLE.

22 IT'S A GOOD ARTICLE WHERE THE MAN  
23 THAT WROTE THE ARTICLE, WENT ON A DOG

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1 DEER HUNT AND FOUND HE LIKED IT. I WOULD  
2 LIKE TO REQUEST THAT IF ANY OF Y'ALL  
3 WOULD LIKE TO GO ON A DOG DEER HUNT, WE  
4 WOULD BE GLAD TO SET IT UP WITH ONE OF  
5 OUR CLUBS AND LET YOU GO ON A DOG DEER  
6 HUNT. YOU CAN SEE WHY THESE PEOPLE COME  
7 UP HERE AND WANT TO CONTINUE DOG DEER  
8 HUNTING. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE ARE  
9 LOOSING PEOPLE EACH AND EVERY DAY.

10 I ALSO PUT A LITTLE NOTICE IN  
11 THERE ABOUT, WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY  
12 WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO GET IN THE  
13 PERMIT SYSTEM IN FRANKLIN, AND MARION,  
14 AND THAT NORTHWEST CORNER UP THERE,  
15 LAMAR, ALL OF THEM. AND WE NEED TO GET  
16 THESE PEOPLE BACK HUNTING, WHATEVER IT  
17 TAKES. WE NEED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT  
18 GETTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THERE.

19 WE NEED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT  
20 ENFORCING MORE THAN DOING AWAY WITH.  
21 CORKY AND THEM TURNED UP HERE AND LOOKED  
22 AT ME. I KNOW OUR ENFORCEMENT ARE VERY  
23 THIN. AND I'VE RECOMMENDED IT BEFORE,

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1 I'VE READ THE LAWS ON MANY -- WHAT DO YOU  
2 CALL THEM? THE DEPUTY GAME WARDENS,  
3 SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE. IF WE HAD TO,  
4 TO GET IN THE AREAS WHERE WE COULD MAYBE  
5 HAVE SOME DEPUTY GAME WARDENS. WE WOULD  
6 BE HAPPY TO GET THAT, ON BOTH SIDES. I'M  
7 NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE DOG HUNTERS,  
8 GET THE NOT DOG HUNTERS TOO.

9 THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. WE WANT TO  
10 WORK TOGETHER. WE WANT TO HUNT THE WAY  
11 WE WANT TO HUNT. WE WANT TO SEE THESE  
12 THINGS COME ABOUT.

13 I DON'T LIKE TO HARP ON ANYTHING,  
14 BUT I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT  
15 THERE'S HORROR STORIES ON BOTH SIDES. WE  
16 HAVE A REAL NICE HUT BUILT WHERE WE CLEAN  
17 OUR DEER. WE HAVE STAINLESS STEEL WHERE  
18 WE CUT OUR MEAT UP. TWO WEEKS AGO IT WAS  
19 (INAUDIBLE); TOTALLY DESTROYED. SO, IT  
20 DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN TO STILL HUNTERS.  
21 THERE'S TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY.

22 WE THINK WE KNOW WHO DID IT. BUT  
23 WE'RE NOT GOING TO ACCUSE ANYBODY,

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1 BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF. WE'LL  
2 HANDLE THAT.

3 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: IS THIS IN  
4 BARBOUR COUNTY?

5 MR. KNIGHT: IN BARBOUR COUNTY;  
6 YES, SIR. IT DESTROYED THE BACK END OF A  
7 CHURCH THAT'S BEEN THERE SINCE THE  
8 EIGHTEEN HUNDREDS. IT'S A BAD SITUATION.  
9 WE ARE HANDLING IT, LIKE I SAID --  
10 PROPERLY. WE'RE NOT BEING UGLY. WE'RE  
11 HANDLING IT PROPERLY, JUST UNDERSTAND  
12 WHAT I'M SAYING THERE. IT DOES HAPPEN ON  
13 BOTH SIDES, IT JUST MAY NOT HAVE ANYTHING  
14 TO DO WITH STILL HUNTERS, DOG HUNTERS.  
15 SO, YOU KNOW, IT HAPPENS TO BOTH SIDES  
16 AND I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

17 WE JUST WANT TO COME TO Y'ALL  
18 TODAY AND ASK YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS  
19 NORTHWEST SECTION UP THERE ON THE PERMIT  
20 SYSTEM, AND DO WHAT WE CAN. TAKE A LOOK  
21 AT ANY COUNTY THAT THEY ARE COMING DOWN  
22 HERE COMPLAINING ABOUT. IF THEY TRULY  
23 HAVE A PROBLEM, WHICH A LOT OF THEM DO, I

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1 DON'T DOUBT THAT. I THINK A PROVEN  
2 STATISTICS ARE THAT TEN PERCENT OF  
3 ANYTHING IS BAD. THAT MEANS ONE OF Y'ALL  
4 IS BAD; THERE'S TEN OF YOU.

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6 (LAUGHTER)

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8 MR. KNIGHT: WE KNOW WE HAVE  
9 PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUT OF  
10 HUNTING. AND WE'LL HELP THE GAME  
11 ENFORCEMENT ANY WAY WE CAN. JUST GIVE US  
12 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE PERMIT SYSTEM.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
14 MR. KNIGHT. MR. JOHNSON?

15 MR. JOHNSON: WHAT IS THE  
16 MEMBERSHIP IN EACH OF THOSE COUNTIES,  
17 LAMAR, MARION, AND FRANKLIN COUNTY; CAN  
18 YOU GIVE ME A BREAK DOWN IN THOSE THREE  
19 COUNTIES?

20 MR. KNIGHT: REALLY, I CAN'T. I  
21 CAN GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE, MR. JOHNSON,  
22 BECAUSE ALL I HAVE WAS WROTE DOWN. IT  
23 HAS DROPPED TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THE AREA

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1 HAS BEEN CLOSED OFF TO DOG HUNTING.  
2 NORMALLY, THERE'S PROBABLY -- BEFORE THE  
3 BAN ON DOG HUNTING, WE PROBABLY HAD TWO  
4 THOUSAND OR BETTER MEMBERS, OR CLOSE TO  
5 THAT, IN THAT AREA. ALL THE CLUBS, LIKE  
6 BEAR CREEK, THEY GAVE A HUNDRED PERCENT.  
7 WHEN THEY HAD A CLUB, THEY WERE PAYING  
8 MEMBERSHIP AT A HUNDRED PERCENT. RIGHT  
9 NOW, I WOULD SAY THAT IT'S DOWN TO ABOUT  
10 THREE HUNDRED. WE'VE DROPPED THAT FAR  
11 WHEN THAT SEASON WAS CLOSED.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WOULD IT BE  
13 FAIR TO SAY, MR. KNIGHT, THAT MOST OF  
14 YOUR MEMBERS WOULD BE PRIMARILY DOG DEER  
15 HUNTERS, SINCE NO OTHER DOG HUNTING  
16 SEASON WAS CLOSED IN THAT COUNTY? WOULD  
17 YOUR MEMBERSHIP UP THERE BE PRIMARILY BE  
18 DOG DEER HUNTERS?

19 MR. KNIGHT: YES, SIR. WE HAD A  
20 FINE MEETING LAST MONDAY NIGHT UP THERE  
21 AND WE HAD ABOUT TEN CLUBS -- AND I PUT A  
22 NOTICE IN THERE ABOUT THE BEAR CREEK  
23 HUNTING CLUB DIDN'T HAVE ANY CITATIONS

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1 AGAINST THEM FOR THREE YEARS. WHICH, I  
2 THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT. WE'VE  
3 GOT RABBIT HUNTERS AND COON HUNTERS, A  
4 LOT OF COON HUNTERS.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WHAT IS, IF  
6 YOU HAD IT OFF THE CUFF, THE PERCENTAGE  
7 OF NON DOG DEER HUNTERS IN YOUR  
8 ORGANIZATION?

9 MR. KNIGHT: PROBABLY  
10 FIFTEEN PERCENT, ABOUT FIFTEEN PERCENT.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DOES THE  
12 BOARD HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? VERY  
13 GOOD. THANK YOU MR. KNIGHT. THE LAST  
14 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. WAYNE PARKER.

15 MR. PARKER: GOOD MORNING. MY  
16 NAME IS WAYNE PARKER AND I'M FROM COFFEE  
17 COUNTY, ALABAMA. AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK  
18 ON THIS MORNING, IT WILL BE DOG DEER  
19 HUNTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ALABAMA  
20 DOGHUNTERS ASSOCIATION.

21 I'VE BEEN A HUNTER AND FISHER FOR  
22 THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS. AND I'M A MEMBER OF  
23 THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS: U.S.

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1 SPORTSMAN ALLIANCE, RACCOONS UNLIMITED,  
2 UKC, PKC, NATIONAL WILD TURKEY  
3 FEDERATION, AND ALABAMA DOGHUNTERS  
4 ASSOCIATION. SO, I'VE DONE A LITTLE BIT  
5 OF IT ALL, AND HAVE ALL OF MY LIFE. MY  
6 TOPIC THIS MORNING IS ON THE DECLINE OF  
7 YOUTH HUNTERS AND HUNTING WITH DOGS. THE  
8 LATEST ESTIMATES OF THE U.S. SPORTSMAN  
9 ALLIANCE SINCE 1995, THE NUMBER OF SEVEN  
10 TO ELEVEN YEAR OLDS HAD DROPPED BY  
11 TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT WHO HUNT AND FISH.

12 WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM. WE'VE GOT  
13 TO GET THE KIDS BACK IN HUNTING AND  
14 FISHING SOMEHOW. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE  
15 GOING TO DO IT, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM  
16 (INAUDIBLE) MORE THAN ANYTHING.  
17 SPORTSMAN CAN BE AN INFLUENCE WITH MANY  
18 OF THESE CHALLENGING TRADES AND BEGIN TO  
19 REVERSE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS BY MAKING  
20 SURE YOUTH ARE INVOLVED IN YOUR CLUBS.

21 SPORTSMAN ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT  
22 THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND A POWERFUL FORCE  
23 WHEN UNITED BEHIND AN ISSUE. THE

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1 SPORTSMAN MOVEMENT FACES MANY HURDLES.  
2 ANIMAL RIGHTS PROPONENTS COMMITTED TO  
3 STOPPING HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING  
4 CONTINUE TO BE THE NUMBER ONE THREAT TO  
5 OUR EXISTENCE TODAY.

6 AND LIKE I SAID, I'VE HUNTED WITH  
7 DOGS FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AND WE HAVE  
8 PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ALL TYPES OF HUNTING.  
9 AND I WANTED TO COME TO Y'ALL WITH WHAT  
10 THE GENTLEMAN SAID A WHILE AGO, YOU KNOW,  
11 ABOUT THESE PEOPLE LEAVING DOGS ON THEIR  
12 LAND -- YOU KNOW, IT GOES BOTH WAYS --  
13 FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS. THERE'S NO SENSE  
14 IN THAT.

15 I NEVER TURN A DOG OUT WITHOUT A  
16 TRACKING COLLAR. AND WHEN I GO HOME AND  
17 EAT, MY DOG GOES WITH ME. I CAN SEE HIS  
18 POINT TOO. I MEAN, HE'S OVER THERE  
19 TRYING TO HUNT ON HIS PLACE AND STUFF,  
20 AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE MAY HAVE TO  
21 LOOK AT. I'VE GOT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS  
22 IN TRACKING COLLARS.

23 THE THING ABOUT IT IS, HE

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1 DESERVES HUNTING PEACE JUST LIKE THE REST  
2 OF US. BUT WE CAN DO IT, BUT WE ALL HAVE  
3 TO COMBINE TOGETHER; AND I THANK Y'ALL.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH, MR. PARKER.

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7 (APPLAUSE)

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9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: COMMISSIONER  
10 LAWLEY HAS A COMMENT, PLEASE SIR.

11 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: MR. PARKER,  
12 I APPRECIATE THAT. YOU JUST REMINDED ME  
13 OF SOMETHING THAT THE PEOPLE HERE MAY OR  
14 MAY NOT KNOW. THIS YEAR IS THE FIRST  
15 YEAR THAT EVERYBODY TOOK THE HUNTERS  
16 SAFETY COURSE. AND LAST YEAR WE'RE  
17 HAVING A DRAWING, IT WILL BE A COMPUTER  
18 DRAW. TEN OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT TOOK THE  
19 HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE ARE GOING TO GET A  
20 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR GIFT CERTIFICATE,  
21 GOOD AT ANY SPORTING GOOD STORE THEY WANT  
22 TO USE IT IN.

23 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO THIS

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1 EVERY YEAR, BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, THE  
2 SECRET IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU SAID; IT'S  
3 GETTING YOUTH INVOLVED IN OUR OUTDOOR  
4 SPORTS. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO STIMULATE  
5 THAT. THIS IS ONE WAY AND WE HOPE THIS  
6 WILL ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO GO TAKE THE  
7 COURSE, BECAUSE WE'RE COMPETING WITH A  
8 LOT OF THINGS, VIDEO GAMES AND TV'S AND  
9 THINGS WE DIDN'T HAVE WHEN WE CAME UP,  
10 DON.

11 YOU KNOW, WE'RE TRYING THAT. THE

12 YOUTH DOVE HUNTS, IT'S THE BIGGEST YEAR  
13 WE'VE EVER HAD. WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME  
14 MORE YOUTH HUNTS IN THE STATE A LITTLE  
15 LATER ON. BUT I APPRECIATE YOU POINTING  
16 THAT OUT AND I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW  
17 SOME OF THE THINGS WE ARE DOING.

18 MR. PARKER: I TOOK A HUNTERS  
19 SAFETY COURSE -- I'M FORTY-THREE YEARS  
20 OLD -- LAST YEAR. I DONE IT TO GET  
21 INVOLVED BECAUSE THEY HAD A LOT OF KIDS  
22 THERE. AND WHILE I WAS THERE, I TOOK THE  
23 COURSE TO HELP THE KIDS. THAT'S WHAT

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1 WE'VE GOT TO DO. WE'VE GOT TO MOVE THESE  
2 KIDS FORWARD, BECAUSE THAT'S JUST THE  
3 FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING BOTH.

4 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: ABSOLUTELY.  
5 I APPRECIATE YOU POINTING THAT OUT.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK Y'ALL.  
7 WE WILL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS. IT'S  
8 APPROXIMATELY 10:10, AND IF EVERYONE WILL  
9 BE BACK PROMPTLY AT 10:25.

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11 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

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13 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: ALL RIGHT, IF  
14 YOU WOULD, COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT  
15 PLEASE.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF THE  
17 MEETING WOULD COME BACK TO ORDER. THE  
18 NEXT TOPIC OF BUSINESS IS THE TOPIC OF  
19 OLD BUSINESS. I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH  
20 THE MARINE POLICE. BUT BEFORE THAT, I  
21 HAVE A MEETING TO ATTEND IN A LITTLE BIT  
22 AND I WILL HAVE A CHANGE OF THE CHAIR IN  
23 THE MIDDLE OF THIS IN A MINUTE. I WOULD

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1 LIKE MR. COLES TO ACCEPT THE CHAIR. BUT,  
2 IF WE'LL GO AHEAD AND START WITH MARINE  
3 POLICE -- MARINE RESOURCE, EXCUSE ME.

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6 OLD BUSINESS/PROPOSED  
7 REGULATIONS  
8 \*\*\*\*\*

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10 MR. HEATH: YES, ALL WE'RE GOING  
11 TO BRING UP TODAY IS THE REQUEST WE MADE  
12 AT THE LAST MEETING TO ADDRESS THE BAIT  
13 FISHING REGULATION. THE ONLY THING THAT  
14 WE'VE DONE SINCE THE LAST MEETING, WE DID  
15 ADD ONE SHORT STATEMENT THAT BROUGHT THAT  
16 REGULATION, AS PROPOSED, INTO COMPLIANCE  
17 WITH THE LANDS REGULATION THAT SAYS, IF  
18 YOU STAY IN MORE THAN ONE LOCATION MORE  
19 THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, YOU HAVE TO HAVE  
20 A PERMIT FROM LAND. WE'VE TALKED WITH  
21 THE CONSTITUENTS AND THEY ARE SATISFIED  
22 WITH THE REGULATION. AND WE JUST ASK THE  
23 BOARD TO PASS ON THAT PLEASE. AND ALSO,

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1 WE NEED AN EMERGENCY REGULATION TO GO  
2 ALONG WITH THIS REGULATION CHANGE SO THAT  
3 THIS CAN GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. AND  
4 WE'LL OPERATE UNDER AN EMERGENCY  
5 REGULATION UNTIL WE GET THE REGULAR  
6 REGULATION APPROVED.  
7 MR .SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
8 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES.  
9 MR. SELF: I GUESS THESE MIC'S  
10 MIGHT HAVE BEEN TURNED OFF. I WOULD LIKE  
11 TO MAKE A MOTION TO PASS REGULATION  
12 2006-MR3, WHICH IS THE EMERGENCY  
13 REGULATION.  
14 MR. HATLEY: SECOND.  
15 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY DISCUSSION?  
16 MR. PORTER: I'VE JUST GOT A  
17 QUESTION.  
18 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES, SIR.  
19 MR. PORTER: LOUIS, ON THE  
20 EMERGENCY REGULATION, HOW LONG DOES THAT  
21 -- DOES IT EXPIRE?  
22 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: A HUNDRED  
23 AND EIGHTY DAYS.

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1 CHAIRMAN COLES: A HUNDRED AND  
2 EIGHTY DAYS.  
3 MR. PORTER: SO, THAT'S ENOUGH  
4 TIME.  
5 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: RIGHT.  
6 MR. HEATH: MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST  
7 FOR THE RECORD, THAT'S 2006-MR4.  
8 MR. SELF: IT'S MR3 ON MINE.  
9 MR. HEATH: IT'S THE ONE I GOT  
10 FROM DAVID.  
11 MR. JENKINS: DAVID SENT THAT TO  
12 US YESTERDAY, IT'S MR4.  
13 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
14 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? IT'S MR4.  
15 MR. PORTER: (NODS HEAD).  
16 CHAIRMAN COLES: 2006-MR4.  
17 MR. SELF: I AMEND MY MOTION TO  
18 READ, 2006-MR4.  
19 MR. HATLEY: I AMEND MY SECOND.  
20 CHAIRMAN COLES: THANK YOU. ANY  
21 OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? ALL IN  
22 FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY RAISING THEIR RIGHT  
23 HAND. I BELIEVE THAT'S UNANIMOUS.

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1 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
2 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES.  
3 MR. SELF: I HAVE A QUESTION OF  
4 MARINE RESOURCES. IF MR4 IS THE  
5 EMERGENCY, IS MR3 NOW THE -- IS IT A  
6 SEPARATE REGULATION?  
7 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: YES. IT  
8 HAS TO BE VOTED ON TODAY.  
9 MR. HEATH: I WOULD LIKE TO REFER  
10 TO JIM GILMAN, PLEASE SIR. THE EMERGENCY  
11 REGULATION HAS NOT BEEN DRAWN UP AND

12 GIVEN A NUMBER YET. WE JUST NEED YOUR  
13 APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD AND DO SO.  
14 MR. GOODIN: IT'S THE SAME  
15 REGULATION, BUT (INAUDIBLE).  
16 MR. SELF: MY QUESTION IS, HOW DO  
17 WE HANDLE THAT IN A MOTION? DO WE --  
18 MR. HEATH: APPROVE MR4, AND  
19 APPROVE OUR CREATING THE EMERGENCY  
20 REGULATION TO FILL THE TIME GAP. IT WILL  
21 BE THE SAME REGULATION, IT WILL JUST BE  
22 CONSIDERED EMERGENCY. SO, IT WILL GO  
23 INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND LAST A

0079

1 HUNDRED AND TWENTY DAYS. AND IF YOU  
2 APPROVE THAT ACTION, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND  
3 MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT.  
4 MR. SELF: I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT  
5 WE JUST DID.  
6 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I BELIEVE  
7 IT IS. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO VOTE ON  
8 A PERMANENT REG, IT'S A TIME OVERLAP.  
9 CHAIRMAN COLES: GO AHEAD ROSS.  
10 MR. SELF: WHAT IS THE NUMBER FOR  
11 A PERMANENT REG?  
12 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I BELIEVE  
13 THAT'S THE MR3 HE'S TALKING ABOUT. THE  
14 ONE THAT DOESN'T HAVE THE NUMBERS ARE  
15 EMERGENCY REG, ROSS. Y'ALL JUST VOTED ON  
16 THE PERMANENT REG, BUT IT WAS PRESENTED  
17 AS THE EMERGENCY REG; IS THAT CORRECT?  
18 THAT WAS THE PERMANENT REG THAT WAS JUST  
19 VOTED ON?  
20 MR. GOODWIN: YES. (INAUDIBLE)  
21 THE APPROVAL OF THE PERMANENT REG AND THE  
22 APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY  
23 REG UNTIL THAT ONE CAN GO INTO EFFECT.

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1 MR. SELF: I WOULD MAKE A MOTION  
2 THAT WE -- THAT YOU FORMULATE AN  
3 EMERGENCY REG TO GO INTO EFFECT  
4 IMMEDIATELY.  
5 MR. JOHNSON: AND I SECOND, THAT.  
6 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: OKAY, YOU'VE  
7 GOT TO REPEAT THE MOTION.  
8 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: FOR THOSE  
9 OF YOU WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, WE'RE  
10 NOT REWRITING THE CONSTITUTION, WE TRYING  
11 TO MAKE SURE WE CAN SELL BAIT OUT OF A  
12 BOAT.  
13  
14 (LAUGHTER)  
15  
16 MR. SELF: MY MOTION WAS THAT YOU  
17 FORMULATE AN EMERGENCY REG TO GO INTO  
18 EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.  
19 MR. GOODWIN: YES.  
20 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THAT'LL  
21 WORK.  
22 CHAIRMAN COLES: DO I HEAR A  
23 SECOND?



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1 MR. HATLEY: SECOND.  
2 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. HATLEY  
3 SECONDS. ANY DISCUSSION? SEEING NO  
4 DISCUSSION, ALL IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY THE  
5 RAISING OF A RIGHT HAND. IT'S UNANIMOUS.  
6 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
7 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES, SIR; MR.  
8 SELF?  
9 MR. SELF: I HAVE ONE OTHER THING  
10 I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BEFORE THE BOARD.  
11 IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ACTION THE BOARD  
12 IS TAKING, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THIS  
13 WOULD ALSO BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR THE  
14 PERSONNEL IN THE MARINE RESOURCE DIVISION  
15 TO CONDUCT A FULL REVIEW OF ALL LAWS AND  
16 REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE BAIT  
17 FISHING INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THOSE THOSE  
18 (INAUDIBLE) BAIT SHRIMPING. MUCH HAS  
19 CHANGED SINCE ALL OF THESE LAWS WERE  
20 CREATED THAT MAKE MUCH OF THE CURRENT  
21 LAWS AND REGULATIONS OBSOLETE. IF THIS  
22 IS THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A  
23 RECOMMENDATION FROM DIVISION FOR THE

0082

1 ACTION TO REVISE THESE LAWS AND  
2 REGULATIONS MORE CLOSELY TO REFLECT THE  
3 CURRENT NEED.  
4 CHAIRMAN COLES: IS THAT IN THE  
5 FORM OF A RECOMMENDATION?  
6 MR. SELF: THAT'S IN THE FORM OF  
7 A RECOMMENDATION.  
8 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT, SIR;  
9 DULY NOTED. ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS? ALL  
10 RIGHT. WE'LL GO UNDER WILDLIFE AND  
11 FRESHWATER FISHERIES SEASONS AND BAG  
12 LIMITS.  
13 MR. HARDERS: GOOD MORNING. AT  
14 THE LAST MEETING, YOU RECEIVED OUR  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEASON AND BAG  
16 LIMITS. THERE ARE ONLY TWO CORRECTIONS,  
17 AND I BELIEVE YOU HAVE THOSE IN YOUR  
18 PACKET. ON PAGE SEVEN, UNDER NATIONAL  
19 FOREST SERVICE LANDS, THERE WAS A  
20 TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. THIS REPRESENTS NO  
21 CHANGE IN WHAT OCCURRED DURING THE SEASON  
22 LAST YEAR. ALSO, ON PAGE NINE, THE  
23 OPENING DATE FOR COLBERT, FRANKLIN,

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1 LAUDERDALE TURKEY SEASON, THE DATE YOU  
2 ORIGINALLY RECEIVED WOULD HAVE OPENED ON  
3 A FRIDAY AND WE MEANT TO OPEN THAT ON A  
4 SATURDAY. SO, MARCH THIRTY-FIRST IS THE  
5 CORRECT SATURDAY DATE. THOSE ARE THE  
6 ONLY TWO CORRECTIONS WE HAVE.  
7 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER MOTION  
8 ON SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS?  
9 DR. MAY: I HAVE A MOTION ON THE  
10 CHANGE ON THE NORTHERN HUNTING SEASON.  
11 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT;

12 DR. MAY.  
13 DR. MAY: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A  
14 MOTION FOR MORNING DOVE SEASON IN THE  
15 NORTH ZONE, FIFTEEN DOVES IN POSSESSION  
16 OF OVER SIXTY DAYS. FIRST SEASON,  
17 SEPTEMBER THE SIXTH TO OCTOBER THE  
18 SEVENTH.

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20 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED  
21 THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD. THE  
22 SPEAKER MADE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS.)  
23

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1 DR. MAY: FIRST SEASON, SEPTEMBER  
2 THE SIXTEENTH THROUGH OCTOBER THE  
3 SEVENTH; TWENTY-TWO DAYS. THE SECOND  
4 SEASON, NOVEMBER THE FOURTH THROUGH  
5 NOVEMBER THE EIGHTEENTH; FIFTEEN DAYS.  
6 THIRD SEASON, DECEMBER THE SIXTEENTH  
7 THROUGH JANUARY THE SEVENTH; THAT'S  
8 TWENTY-THREE DAYS, OVER SIXTY DAYS. MAKE  
9 THAT IN THE FORM OF A MOTION.

10 MR. JOHNSON: SECOND THE MOTION.

11 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. JOHNSON  
12 SECONDS. LET ME MAKE SURE I'VE GOT THIS  
13 CORRECT: SEPTEMBER THE SIXTH THROUGH  
14 OCTOBER THE SEVENTH, NOVEMBER THE  
15 FOURTH --

16 MR. LYNCH: SEPTEMBER THE  
17 SIXTEENTH.

18 CHAIRMAN COLES: SIXTEENTH?  
19 SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH THROUGH OCTOBER THE  
20 SEVENTH, NOVEMBER FOURTH THROUGH NOVEMBER  
21 THE EIGHTEENTH, AND DECEMBER THE  
22 SIXTEENTH THROUGH JANUARY THE SEVENTH; IS  
23 THAT CORRECT? A SIXTY-DAY SEASON.

0085

1 FIFTEEN A DAY, FIFTEEN IN POSSESSION.

2 DR. MAY: RIGHT.

3 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT. ANY  
4 DISCUSSIONS?

5 MR. HATLEY: GARY, ANYTHING  
6 YOU'RE THINKING?

7 MR. MOODY: BIOLOGICALLY, WE  
8 WOULD NOT HAVE THE (INAUDIBLE). I WOULD  
9 ADVISE THE BOARD THAT --

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11 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED  
12 THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD. THE  
13 SPEAKER MADE THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS.)  
14

15 MR. MOODY: BIOLOGICALLY, WE  
16 WOULD NOT HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THIS.  
17 THIS IS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK SET BY THE  
18 FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. AND WE DON'T  
19 SEE THAT THAT WOULD BE A PROBLEM CHANGING  
20 THAT. I WOULD REMIND THE BOARD THAT IN  
21 MEETINGS PAST, JUST FOR YOUR  
22 CONSIDERATION, WE'VE HEARD OTHER HUNTERS  
23 WANTING IT EARLIER AND EARLIER IN

0086

1 SEPTEMBER. SO, IT'S JUST SOMETHING FOR  
2 Y'ALL TO CONSIDER.

3 DR. MAY: THE PROBLEM WITH THE  
4 NORTHERN ZONE IS, THERE'S ONLY TEN  
5 COUNTIES IN THE SOUTH AND YOU'VE GOT TO  
6 PLEASE EVERYBODY IN THE REST OF THE  
7 SIXTY -- FIFTY SOME ODD COUNTIES. AND  
8 DUE TO THE TEMPERATURE CHANGE FROM THE  
9 TENNESSEE LINE TO THE GULF OF MEXICO,  
10 IT'S KIND OF HARD TO SET A SEASON THAT'S  
11 GOING TO PLEASE EVERYONE.

12 MR. MOODY: YOU WON'T.

13 DR. MAY: BUT, I TRY TO GO BY THE  
14 MOST REQUESTS I GET.

15 MR. MOODY: THE WILDLIFE  
16 DEPARTMENT (INAUDIBLE).

17 DR. MAY: CORKY, YOU GOT  
18 ANYTHING?

19 MR. PUGH: YES, SIR. DR. MAY,  
20 I'M NOT SURE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC  
21 BEHIND CLOSING DOVE SEASON FOR MOST OF  
22 THE MONTH OF OCTOBER HERE.

23 DR. MAY: WELL, MOST PEOPLE THAT

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1 I HEAR, A LOT OF THEM WANT AN EARLY  
2 SEASON, BUT NOT TOO EARLY BECAUSE IT'S SO  
3 HOT ON THEM AND THE DOGS. YOU'RE GETTING  
4 JUST ABOUT AS MUCH TIME AS WE HAD IN  
5 OCTOBER. YOU'RE GETTING AN EXTRA WEEK ON  
6 THE FRONT END OF OCTOBER AND SOME ON THE  
7 LATTER END OF OCTOBER AND PICKING UP SOME  
8 IN NOVEMBER.

9 AND I'VE HAD MORE REQUESTS FOR  
10 THE EXTENSION OF THAT WEEK THAT WE LOSE  
11 IN OCTOBER INTO JANUARY, WHICH THAT'S  
12 WHERE MOST OF THE REQUESTS ARE COMING.  
13 WE'RE PUTTING THAT EXTRA WEEK ON THE END  
14 OF JANUARY INSTEAD OF OCTOBER.

15 MR. PUGH: I HAVEN'T SEEN THIS  
16 BEFORE RIGHT NOW. I AM STILL LOST AS TO  
17 WHY WE WOULD HAVE PEOPLE OUT THERE TWO  
18 WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER, ONE WEEK IN OCTOBER,  
19 AND THEN SHUT IT DOWN UNTIL NOVEMBER THE  
20 FOURTH.

21 DR. MAY: WELL, ANOTHER GOOD  
22 REASON IS YOU DON'T ANY MIGRATORY BIRDS,  
23 (INAUDIBLE) IN NOVEMBER (INAUDIBLE) VERY

0088

1 FEW IN OCTOBER. YOU'RE GOING TO BE STILL  
2 HUNTING LOCAL BIRDS, AND MOST OF THE  
3 LOCAL BIRDS ARE GOING TO BE KILLED IN THE  
4 FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, OR CARRIED OFF,  
5 ONE.

6 MR. PUGH: MR. MOODY, WHAT  
7 PERCENTAGE OF DOVES THAT PEOPLE TAKE IN  
8 ALABAMA ARE MIGRATORY DOVES, ROUGHLY?

9 MR. MOODY: DON'T KNOW.

10 MR. PUGH: IS IT HIGH OR LOW?

11 MR. MOODY: IN THE EARLY SEASON

12 IT'S LOW. LATER ON, I DON'T KNOW. WE  
13 REALLY DON'T HAVE A FIGURE ONE WAY OR THE  
14 OTHER. BUT IN THE EARLY PART OF THE  
15 SEASON, IT'S RESIDENT BIRDS, MOSTLY.

16 DR. MAY: AND TOO, YOU'RE STILL  
17 HAVING HATCHINGS IN OCTOBER --

18 MR. PUGH: MOST OF THE DOVE THAT  
19 WE HUNT IN ALABAMA ARE RESIDENT DOVES  
20 THAT ARE --

21 DR. MAY: I'VE HEARD YOU SAY THAT  
22 BEFORE, AND I PROBABLY AGREE WITH YOU.  
23 BUT EVERY DOVE THAT IS STILL NESTING THAT

0089

1 HATCHES, WHEN THEY MATURE AT AROUND A  
2 HUNDRED DAYS, THEY CAN REPRODUCE; IS THAT  
3 CORRECT? YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE -- IF  
4 YOU LEAVE A FEW ALONE NESTING, YOU'RE  
5 GOING TO HAVE A FEW MORE TO SHOOT AT  
6 LATER IN THE SEASON.

7 MR. PUGH: WELL, I DON'T MEAN TO  
8 BE ARGUMENTATIVE. I'M JUST CONCERNED  
9 ABOUT --

10 DR. MAY: YEAH, I UNDERSTAND.  
11 BUT THE PROBLEM WE'VE DISCUSSED BEFORE  
12 IS, YOU HAVE ONE SHOOTING SEASON,  
13 BASICALLY, FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA. AND  
14 THERE ARE ONLY TEN COUNTIES IN THE  
15 SOUTHERN ZONE. AND YOU HAVE TO PLAN TO  
16 PLEASE EVERYBODY AND DO, BIOLOGICALLY,  
17 THE RIGHT THING FOR THE WHOLE STATE IN  
18 ONE SHOOTING.

19 IN NORTH ALABAMA, PEOPLE UP  
20 AROUND THE HUNTSVILLE AREA AND  
21 (INAUDIBLE) COUNTY, WHERE THE NORTH  
22 SHOOTING GOES ALL THE WAY THROUGH  
23 WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ALL THE WAY DOWN TO

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1 PIKE COUNTY. AND IT'S JUST TOO BIG OF AN  
2 AREA TO TRY TO REALLY ADJUST A GOOD  
3 HUNTING SEASON -- SHOOTING SEASON.

4 MR. PUGH: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO  
5 US, AND HOPEFULLY HELPFUL TO THE BOARD,  
6 IF WE COULD HAVE SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN  
7 PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS ON  
8 CHANGES LIKE THIS, PRIOR TO US  
9 (INAUDIBLE) IN THIS PUBLIC FORUM.

10 DR. MAY: NO PROBLEM.

11 MR. PUGH: THANK YOU.

12 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
13 DISCUSSION?

14 MR. HATLEY: MR. CHAIRMAN, DO WE  
15 NEED TO TABLE THIS MOTION OR --

16 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I DON'T  
17 THINK WE VOTE ON IT AT THIS MEETING.

18 MR. HATLEY: -- WHAT DO WE NEED  
19 TO DO?

20 CHAIRMAN COLES: YOU CAN VOTE ON  
21 IT AT THIS MEETING, YOU CAN TABLE IT, THE  
22 MOTION IS PART OF DISCUSSION NOW.

23 DR. STRICKLAND: CORKY, WHAT

0091

1 PROBLEMS DO YOU SEE WITH THE CHANGES? DO  
2 YOU SEE ANY IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
3 CHANGES?

4 MR. PUGH: I JUST KNOW THAT FOLKS  
5 LIKE TO DOVE HUNT IN OCTOBER AND WE'RE  
6 CLOSING DOVE SEASON FOR MOST OF OCTOBER  
7 HERE.

8 MR. LYNCH: CORKY, IF YOU LOOK AT  
9 THE BOOK THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE,  
10 YOU'RE ACTUALLY PICKING UP THE FIRST WEEK  
11 IN OCTOBER, THE FULL WEEK; WHERE THE OLD  
12 REG SAID IT WENT OUT SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH.  
13 YOU GET SEVEN EARLY DAYS IN OCTOBER,  
14 EARLY IN THE SEASON. AND THEN YOU DON'T  
15 START BACK 'TIL NOVEMBER FOURTH. YOU'RE  
16 ONLY GIVING UP FROM OCTOBER THE  
17 TWENTY-EIGHTH TO NOVEMBER FOURTH. IT  
18 MOVES THE WEEK OUT OF THE LAST WEEK OF  
19 OCTOBER BACK TO THE FIRST WEEK OF  
20 OCTOBER. SO, TECHNICALLY, YOU HAVE MORE  
21 DAYS THE OCTOBER.

22 MR. PUGH: RIGHT. BUT, FRED,  
23 CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG HERE, THE DATE

0092

1 THAT'S ON YOUR BOOK IS THE DATE THAT IS  
2 UNCHANGED FROM WHAT THE BOARD DID LAST  
3 YEAR; IS THAT RIGHT?

4 MR. HARDERS: THAT'S CORRECT.

5 MR. PUGH: IT WAS NOT A STAFF  
6 RECOMMENDATION. IN FACT THE STAFF  
7 RECOMMENDATION WAS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT'S  
8 IN THE BOOK THAT'S CARRIED FORWARD FROM  
9 LAST YEAR. I'M JUST ANSWERING IT IN  
10 MAXIMIZING THE HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR  
11 PEOPLE TO HUNT WHEN WE WANT TO HUNT. AND  
12 DR. MAY, I KNOW YOU HAVE THE SAME  
13 CONCERNS.

14 DR. MAY: THAT'S WHY I MADE THE  
15 CHANGES.

16 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. PORTER?

17 MR. PORTER: WAS THERE -- WERE  
18 THERE ANY COMPLAINTS LAST YEAR ABOUT THE  
19 LACK OF HUNTING IN OCTOBER?

20 MR. HAYDEN: I HAD MORE REQUESTS  
21 TO REMOVE SOME OF THOSE DAYS IN OCTOBER  
22 TO THE END OF THE SEASON.

23 MR. PORTER: BUT WHAT YOU

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1 PROPOSED GIVES US MORE DAYS IN OCTOBER  
2 THAN WHAT --

3 DR. MAY: BUT NOT IN THE MIDDLE  
4 OF OCTOBER.

5 MR. PORTER: I UNDERSTAND.

6 MR. PUGH: MR. PORTER, TO ANSWER  
7 YOUR QUESTION, I GOT A LOT OF COMMENTS  
8 DIRECTED AT ME, IN THE DIVISION, ASKING  
9 ME WHY WE CLOSED DOVE SEASON WHEN PEOPLE  
10 WERE WANTING TO HUNT, AND NOBODY AT THE  
11 DIVISION DOES THAT. AND I'LL BE OUT

12 EATING LUNCH AND IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR  
13 SOMEONE TO COME AND ASK ME WHY WE DID  
14 THIS, THAT, OR THE OTHER. AND WHAT I WAS  
15 HEARING WAS, WHY AREN'T YOU LETTING US  
16 HUNT IN OCTOBER WHEN WE LIKE TO HUNT?  
17 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. HATLEY, TO  
18 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE SET A PRECEDENT  
19 LAST YEAR IN THAT NEW ITEMS WOULD NOT BE  
20 VOTED ON AT THE MEETING THAT THEY ARE  
21 BROUGHT UP. SO, ANY CHANGES LIKE THIS,  
22 WE ACTUALLY NEED TO VOTE ON THOSE AT THE  
23 MAY MEETING. YOU CAN BRING IT UP AT THIS

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1 MEETING, BUT IT CANNOT BE VOTED ON, OR  
2 APPROVED, OR DISAPPROVED UNTIL THE MAY  
3 MEETING.  
4 MR. HATLEY: THAT WAS THE POINT I  
5 WAS TRYING TO GET AROUND TO.  
6 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES, SIR.  
7 MR. HATLEY: I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO  
8 HANDLE IT. ARE WE GOING TO TABLE IT OR  
9 -- WE CAN'T VOTE ON IT ANYWAY TODAY; AM I  
10 CORRECT?  
11 CHAIRMAN COLES: CORRECT.  
12 DR. MAY: ARE YOU SAYING THE  
13 BOARD BRINGS UP, OR IT'S BROUGHT UP AT  
14 THE PREVIOUS MEETING?  
15 CHAIRMAN COLES: IF IT WAS  
16 BROUGHT UP AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, WE  
17 COULD VOTE ON IT.  
18 DR. MAY: BY WHO?  
19 CHAIRMAN COLES: BY ANYBODY.  
20 DR. MAY: WELL, IT WAS BROUGHT  
21 UP.  
22 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE BOARD.  
23 CHAIRMAN COLES: BY THE BOARD?

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1 DR. MAY: NOT BY THE BOARD, BUT  
2 BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  
3 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE IDEA IS  
4 THE MOTION BE MADE BY A BOARD MEMBER FOR  
5 CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING BASED  
6 ON WHAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC MIGHT BRING  
7 FORTH THAT Y'ALL ARE INTERESTED IN  
8 PURSUING. THIS ALLOWS TIME FOR COMMENT  
9 AND TO SEE WHERE WE ARE. AND IT'S --  
10 DR. MAY HAS EXPLAINED IT QUITE WELL.  
11 IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION WHEN YOU'RE  
12 GOING FROM LIMESTONE TO WASHINGTON  
13 COUNTY, NORTH TO SOUTH, AND TRY TO HAVE A  
14 NORTH ZONE AND A SOUTH ZONE. IT JUST  
15 DOESN'T MATCH UP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE  
16 CAN DO.  
17 DR. SMITH AND I ARE SITTING HERE  
18 TALKING ABOUT IT, BECAUSE WITH THE  
19 RESTRICTIONS FROM THE U.S. FISH AND  
20 WILDLIFE, AND FROM AGRICULTURE TOO. BUT,  
21 WHEN IT'S THE RIGHT TIME TO HUNT IN  
22 WASHINGTON COUNTY, IT'S PAST TIME TO HUNT  
23 IN LIMESTONE AND MADISON COUNTY. IT'S

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1 TOUGH, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.  
2 WHEN YOU MAKE PART OF THE PEOPLE  
3 HAPPY, YOU ARE MAKING THE REST OF THE  
4 PEOPLE UNHAPPY. I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF  
5 THE ZONES. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE THEM  
6 CLOSER TOGETHER ON THE LATITUDINAL LINES.  
7 IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING WE NEED TO GET  
8 INTO, CORKY, AND STUDY THAT AND SEE WHAT  
9 WE CAN DO ALONG WITH DR. SMITH AND THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TOO. IT WOULD  
11 BE IDEAL IF WE COULD MATCH IT UP WITH THE  
12 THREE PLANTING ZONES, AND THAT'S A  
13 NIGHTMARE.  
14 MR. PUGH: IS THAT WHAT THE  
15 OCTOBER CLOSURE IS AIMED AT, AT TRYING TO  
16 MATCH THE DOVE HUNTING WITH THE TOP SOWN  
17 WHEAT PLANTING DATES?  
18 DR. MAY: NO. IT WAS MORE FROM  
19 REQUESTS AND SEASONAL. MORE PEOPLE FELT  
20 THEY HAD BETTER HUNTING TIME IN EARLY  
21 SEPTEMBER AND FIRST OF OCTOBER, AND THEN  
22 LATER IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WHEN IT  
23 WAS COOL WEATHER.

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1 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. PORTER?  
2 MR. PORTER: JUST SO I CAN  
3 UNDERSTAND, I THINK WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS,  
4 IS THIS SOMETHING THAT -- DR. MAY'S  
5 CHANGES, WE WON'T VOTE ON THOSE UNTIL  
6 MAY; IS THAT --  
7 CHAIRMAN COLES: IT COULD NOT BE  
8 VOTED ON UNTIL MAY.  
9 MR. PORTER: LET ME ASK YOU THIS,  
10 WE GET TO MAY AND DUE TO DISCUSSIONS WE  
11 GET INTO DIFFERENT AGREEMENTS ON  
12 DIFFERENT DATES. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT  
13 LIKewise WE WOULD HAVE TO CARRY ON? THAT  
14 DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE.  
15 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: NO. YOU'RE  
16 TRYING TO ESTABLISH DATES. THE DATE  
17 MIGHT CHANGE, BUT THE MOTION IS TO  
18 ESTABLISH DAYS.  
19 MR. PORTER: BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO  
20 VOTE ON IT IN MAY, EVEN IF --  
21 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: IF HE  
22 TWEAKS IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, YEAH.  
23 MR. PORTER: BUT WE CAN CHANGE

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1 THOSE.  
2 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: YEAH, I  
3 THINK THAT'S THE INTENT JIM.  
4 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
5 MOTIONS TO DEAL WITH SEASONS AND BAG  
6 LIMITS?  
7 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A  
8 QUESTION FOR CORKY ON SECTION SEVEN OF  
9 YOUR BOOKLET, THE EVALUATION OF EARLY TO  
10 MID NOVEMBER IN GOOSE HUNTING SEASON  
11 SOUTHWEST, ALABAMA. IS IT YOUR

12 RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DO THIS, OR IS IT  
13 OKAY TO DO IT, OR --

14 MR. MOODY: IF THE BOARD WILL  
15 RECALL, THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION FROM  
16 THE FLOOR AT THE LAST MEETING THAT WE HAD  
17 ABOUT THE WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AND SNOW  
18 GEESE AND TO LOOK AT AN EARLIER SEASON IN  
19 CERTAIN COUNTIES OF SOUTHWEST, ALABAMA.  
20 THE BOARD ASKED US TO EVALUATE THAT AND  
21 SEE IF THOSE POSSIBILITIES WERE THERE.

22 IF YOU READ THROUGH THERE, YOU'LL  
23 SEE -- DAVID, KEEP ME STRAIGHT ON THIS,

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1 BECAUSE DAVID IS THE WATERFOWL EXPERT AND  
2 I'M NOT. AS WE LOOKED AT IT, IF WE ADD  
3 SNOW GEESE, WE CAN DO THAT WITHOUT IT  
4 BEING A PROBLEM BECAUSE, CONTINENTALLY,  
5 THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH SNOW GEESE. AND  
6 THE EFFORT IS TO REDUCE THE SNOW GEESE  
7 POPULATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

8 IF WE ADD OTHER SPECIES OF GEESE,  
9 WHITE-FRONTED OR OTHER SPECIES OF GEESE,  
10 IN AN EARLY SEASON, THEN WE HAVE TO  
11 REDUCE THE BAG LIMIT STATEWIDE THROUGHOUT  
12 THE WHOLE SEASON. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND  
13 THAT. IF IT'S THE BOARD'S PLEASURE, WE  
14 WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ESTABLISH A  
15 SNOW GOOSE SEASON THERE WITHOUT ANY  
16 PENALTIES OCCURRED ANYWHERE ELSE.

17 MR. SELF: WELL, DO WE NEED -- I  
18 THINK WE HAVE TO DO THIS WITH A MOTION TO  
19 ENACT THIS SEASON; WOULDN'T WE?

20 MR. MOODY: YES, SIR. IT IS NOT  
21 PART OF OUR SEASON AND BAG LIMITS  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS IS BASED ON THE  
23 REQUEST THAT Y'ALL MADE LAST MEETING FOR

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1 US TO PROVIDE YOU INPUT, AND THAT'S WHAT  
2 WE'VE DONE.

3 MR. SELF: ALL RIGHT. THIS IS A  
4 FOURTEEN-DAY SEASON, NOVEMBER FOURTH TO  
5 THE SEVENTEENTH?

6 MR. MOODY: YES, SIR. FOR SNOW  
7 GEESE ONLY.

8 MR. SELF: FOR SNOW GEESE ONLY?

9 MR. MOODY: YES.

10 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD  
11 LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE HAVE A  
12 FOURTEEN-DAY SNOW GOOSE SEASON FROM  
13 NOVEMBER THE FOURTH TO NOVEMBER THE  
14 SEVENTEENTH WITH FIVE BIRD BAG LIMIT IN  
15 ESCAMBIA AND MONROE COUNTY.

16 MR. HATLEY: I SECOND.

17 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
18 DISCUSSION?

19 MR. LYNCH: DO WE HAVE A LOT OF  
20 SNOW GEESE IN THE STATE, IN THIS AREA?

21 MR. SELF: IN THAT AREA, WE DO.  
22 THAT'S THE WHY IT WAS BROUGHT UP.

23 MR. MOODY: GENERALLY, WE DO NOT



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1 -- THE GENTLEMEN THAT MADE THE  
2 RECOMMENDATION HAD INDICATED THAT IN THAT  
3 PARTICULAR AREA, THEY HAD STARTED TO SEE  
4 SOME REASONABLY LARGE GROUPS OF THEM  
5 EARLY. AND THAT'S WHAT HE WAS WANTING  
6 THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.  
7 AND IF THEY'RE THERE, WE CERTAINLY HAVE  
8 NO PROBLEM. WE'VE ALSO DIRECTED OUR  
9 STAFF TO START SPENDING TIME WITH HIM AND  
10 OTHERS UP THERE, SO WE CAN BE SURE THAT  
11 WE'RE AS FAMILIAR WITH WHAT'S GOING ON  
12 THERE AS WELL.

13 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT. WE  
14 HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND; ANY OTHER  
15 DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY  
16 RAISING OF THE RIGHT HAND. I BELIEVE  
17 THAT'S UNANIMOUS. ANY OTHER MOTIONS?  
18 MR. JOHNSON?

19 MR. JOHNSON: CHAIRMAN, I HAVE A  
20 MOTION HERE RELATING TO TURKEY HUNTING.  
21 IT'S TO HAVE A SPECIAL STATEWIDE TWO-DAY  
22 TURKEY HUNT, YOUTH TURKEY HUNT. AND THIS  
23 WILL START THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE

0102

1 REGULAR TURKEY SEASON. THE DEPARTMENT IN  
2 THE MANAGEMENT AREAS WOULD GO AHEAD WITH  
3 THE REGULATIONS OR WHATEVER NEEDS TO BE  
4 SET UP AT THAT TIME.

5 CHAIRMAN COLES: SO, YOUR MOTION  
6 DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MANAGEMENT AREAS,  
7 BECAUSE SOME OF THE MANAGEMENT AREAS DO  
8 NOT ALLOW SUNDAY HUNTING.

9 MR. JOHNSON: EXACTLY.

10 CHAIRMAN COLES: THAT'S OKAY.

11 MR. HATLEY: I SECOND THAT  
12 MOTION.

13 CHAIRMAN COLES: I HAVE A MOTION  
14 AND A SECOND; ANY DISCUSSION? HEARING NO  
15 DISCUSSION, THOSE IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY WITH  
16 THE RAISING OF THE RIGHT HAND. IT'S  
17 UNANIMOUS. ANY OTHER MOTIONS ON SEASONS  
18 AND BAG LIMITS? DID WE HAVE SOMETHING ON  
19 THE YOUTH DEER DATE, TO EXPAND IT TO TWO  
20 DAYS ALSO? I BELIEVE THAT WAS --

21 MR. LYNCH: PAGE FOUR.

22 MR. HARDERS: THAT'S IN THE  
23 RECOMMENDATION. THAT'S IN THE

0103

1 RECOMMENDATION.

2 CHAIRMAN COLES: STATEWIDE,  
3 NOVEMBER ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH.

4 MR. PUGH: WE NEED A MOTION ON  
5 THE SEASONS AND LIMITS.

6 CHAIRMAN COLES: THE CHAIR WOULD  
7 ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL THE  
8 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS.

9 MR. LYNCH: SO MOVED.

10 MR. JOHNSON: SECOND.

11 DR. MAY: QUESTION.

12 CHAIRMAN COLES: QUESTION, YES?  
13 DR. MAY: IS THAT GOING TO  
14 INCLUDE THE MOTION THAT I MADE ON THE  
15 DOVE SEASON? I MEAN, WILL IT EXCLUDE IT  
16 I SHOULD SAY?

17 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES, SIR. IT  
18 WOULD EXCLUDE THE MOTION, BECAUSE THE  
19 SPECIFIC DATES WERE NOTED TODAY FOR THE  
20 FIRST TIME. WE CAN VOTE ON THAT AT THE  
21 MAY MEETING.

22 DR. MAY: WOULD THAT BE TOO LATE  
23 TO CHANGE IT?

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1 CHAIRMAN COLES: NO, SIR.

2 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE  
3 ALLIGATOR IS NOT IN THIS; IS IT?

4 CHAIRMAN COLES: NO.

5 MR. PUGH: THAT SHOULD BE  
6 (INAUDIBLE).

7 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: RIGHT.

8 CHAIRMAN COLES: OKAY, EVERYBODY  
9 UNDERSTAND THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR,  
10 SIGNIFY WITH THE RAISING OF THE RIGHT  
11 HAND. IT'S UNANIMOUS. ALL RIGHT. THE  
12 NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE TURTLE  
13 REGULATIONS, MR. PUGH.

14 MR. PUGH: MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M  
15 GOING TO CALL ON MARK SASSER, WHO IS A  
16 NON GAME WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, TO PRESENT  
17 ON THIS ISSUE.

18 MR. SASSER: GOOD MORNING. IN  
19 YOUR PACKETS ARE THE PROPOSED TURTLE  
20 REGULATION CHANGES. CURRENTLY, OUR  
21 ALABAMA REGULATIONS DO NOT MONITOR THE  
22 COMMERCIAL TURTLE INDUSTRY. THIS  
23 REGULATION CHANGE WILL CHANGE THIS

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1 CURRENTLY, OUR REGULATION ALLOWS FOR  
2 COLLECTION OF COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES AND  
3 SOFT SHELLS, OVER EIGHT INCHES. THESE  
4 ARE THE BREEDERS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN.  
5 SO, WE'RE PROPOSING TO ALLOW COLLECTION  
6 FROM HATCHLINGS TO FOUR INCHES AND  
7 GREATER THAN TWELVE INCHES FOR COMMERCIAL  
8 PURPOSES.

9 THIS WILL BETTER PROTECT YOUR  
10 BREEDING POPULATION, BUT IT WILL ALLOW  
11 THE TURTLE FARMERS TO MARKET THE  
12 HATCHLINGS UP TO FOUR INCHES. IT WILL  
13 ALLOW THE COMMERCIAL TURTLE FARMERS TO  
14 RAISE HATCHLINGS IN THEIR PRIVATE FARMS  
15 TO SELL AND EXPORT THESE TURTLES, WHICH  
16 WE'VE HAD SOME PEOPLE HERE IN ALABAMA  
17 APPROACH US ABOUT.

18 THEN THERE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL  
19 PROPOSAL THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL  
20 COMMERCIAL TURTLE CATCHERS, DEALERS, AND  
21 FARMERS TO OBTAIN A FREE PERMIT, AND  
22 REPORT ALL THEIR TURTLE CATCH, OR SALES,  
23 PURCHASES, AND SHIPMENTS ON A MONTHLY

0106

1 BASIS TO THE WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER  
2 FISHERIES.

3 THESE REQUIREMENTS IN THESE  
4 MONTHLY REPORTS WOULD ALLOW US TO BETTER  
5 MONITOR THIS HARVEST OF LEGAL TURTLES,  
6 BOTH IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC WATERS, AND  
7 ALLOW OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE TO  
8 COLLECT THIS INFORMATION NEEDED TO  
9 IDENTIFY ANY VIOLATORS.

10 IF YOU'VE READ THE PACKETS, THE  
11 COMMERCIAL TURTLE INDUSTRY AND OVERSEAS  
12 TURTLE EXPORTS ARE GROWING RAPIDLY. IT'S  
13 NOT REGULATED IN ALABAMA, AS I STATED.  
14 TURTLES ARE WORTH ANYWHERE FROM A DOLLAR  
15 TO A DOLLAR FIFTY PER POUND FOR THESE  
16 COMMERCIAL TURTLE CATCHERS. THEY ARE NOT  
17 REQUIRED TO BUY ANY TYPE OF LICENSE OR  
18 PERMIT.

19 THE PROCESSED MEAT IS WORTH UP TO  
20 EIGHT DOLLARS PER POUND OVERSEAS.  
21 OPERATION SNAPPER WAS AN EIGHTEEN-MONTH  
22 UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION THAT OUR PEOPLE  
23 AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND U.S. FISH

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1 AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONDUCTED. IN THIS  
2 EIGHTEEN-MONTH PERIOD OVER A HUNDRED AND  
3 SEVENTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF TURTLES WERE  
4 EXPORTED FROM ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE TO  
5 FARMS AND MEAT MARKETS.

6 THEY TELL ME THIS IS A FRACTION  
7 OF WHAT ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. THAT'S OVER  
8 FIFTY-EIGHT TONS IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOR  
9 THE TWO STATES. I GET CALLS IN MY OFFICE  
10 -- ARKANSAS HAS TOTALLY SHUT DOWN NON  
11 RESIDENTS FROM CATCHING TURTLES. I GET  
12 CALLS THIS TIME OF YEAR FROM PEOPLE IN  
13 ARKANSAS ASKING ME WHAT PERMIT  
14 REQUIREMENTS OR LICENSES ARE REQUIRED BY  
15 ALABAMA. I TELL THEM NONE, THEY ARE ON  
16 THEIR WAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY ARE  
17 COMING OR WHERE THEY ARE GOING. THIS  
18 WOULD ALLOW US TO REGULATE THIS TO  
19 PROTECT OUR BREEDERS BY ADOPTING THIS  
20 AMENDMENT AND THIS OTHER PROPOSAL.

21 MR. HATLEY: MR. CHAIRMAN, DO WE  
22 NEED A MOTION TO ENACT THIS?

23 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES, SIR. IT'S

0108

1 TO AMEND 222 -- 220-2-932.

2 MR. HATLEY: THEN I SO MOVE THAT  
3 WE ADOPT AS PRESENTED BY THE STAFF.

4 MR. SELF: I SECOND.

5 CHAIRMAN COLES: I HAVE A MOTION  
6 AND A SECOND; ANY DISCUSSION?

7 DR. SMITH: MR. CHAIRMAN?

8 CHAIRMAN COLES: YES.

9 DR. SMITH: DR. GUYER, DOES THIS  
10 MEET THE ISSUES THAT YOU DISCUSSED  
11 EARLIER IN THE PUBLIC HEARING?

12 MR. KNIGHT: ABSOLUTELY.  
13 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
14 DISCUSSIONS? ALL IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY  
15 RAISING THE RIGHT HAND. IT'S UNANIMOUS.  
16 ALL RIGHT. NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS,  
17 ALLIGATOR SEASON.

18 MR. PUGH: AT THE LAST MEETING  
19 THE STAFF BROUGHT YOU A TENTATIVE  
20 RECOMMENDATION AND THE STAFF HAD A  
21 LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE HARVEST OF  
22 ALLIGATORS IN THE MOBILE DELTA. CHIEF  
23 MOODY AND CHIEF ANDRESS HAD THEIR PEOPLE

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1 WORKING ON THIS. AND I WOULD CALL ON  
2 GARY MOODY TO PRESENT THIS TOPIC.

3 MR. MOODY: AT THE LAST MEETING,  
4 WE DID PRESENT TO YOU THE IDEA OF A  
5 LIMITED ALLIGATOR SEASON IN ALABAMA. AS  
6 MOST OF Y'ALL KNOW, ALLIGATORS HAVE BEEN  
7 FULLY PROTECTED IN ALABAMA SINCE THE  
8 SIXTIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE  
9 ACTUALLY WENT INTO PROTECTION BEFORE THEY  
10 WERE LISTED AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES BY  
11 ADDING THEM TO THE GAME SPECIES LIST AND  
12 CLOSING THE SEASON.

13 ALABAMA HAS BEEN VERY PROACTIVE  
14 IN MANAGING, OR MONITORING, ALLIGATORS  
15 AND TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING  
16 ON WITH OUR POPULATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN  
17 VERY SUCCESSFUL. AND FOR QUITE SOMETIME,  
18 THERE HAS BEEN A POPULATION IN THE MOBILE  
19 DELTA AREA AND IN COUPLE OF OTHER PLACES  
20 IN THE STATE THAT WOULD ALLOW A LIMITED  
21 HARVEST.

22 IN WORKING WITH THE U.S. FISH AND  
23 WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW

0110  
1 THERE TO DO THAT AND WE FEEL VERY  
2 CONFIDENT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO APPROVE  
3 OUR REQUEST, IF YOU INDEED GO ALONG WITH  
4 OUR REQUEST FOR THE SEASON, ESPECIALLY IT  
5 BEING THE LOWER MOBILE DELTA AREA.

6 WE'RE PROPOSING FOR THE FIRST  
7 YEAR A LIMITED DRAW SEASON, UP TO FIFTY  
8 ALLIGATOR HARVEST. AND BASED ON THE  
9 NUMBERS WE HAVE SEEN IN THAT AREA, THAT  
10 WOULD IN NO WAY HAMPER THE POPULATION.  
11 THERE ARE SPECIFIC RULES THAT WILL BE  
12 DEVELOPED THAT WILL BE DESIGNED IN A WAY  
13 THAT ALLIGATORS WILL HAVE TO BE A MINIMUM  
14 OF FIVE FEET IN LENGTH -- OR, SIX FEET IS  
15 WHAT WE'VE GOT BEFORE THEY WILL BE LEGAL  
16 TO HARVEST. AND THERE ARE MECHANISMS  
17 THAT CAN BE PUT IN PLACE TO ALLOW THAT TO  
18 TAKE PLACE. AND WE'LL PUT THE  
19 EDUCATIONAL ITEMS OUT FOR THE PEOPLE THAT  
20 ARE INTERESTED. AND THAT'S OUR  
21 RECOMMENDATION TO YOU AND WE APPRECIATE  
22 YOUR CONSIDERATION.

23 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: GARY, WHAT

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1 WOULD THE LENGTH OF THIS SEASON BE, HOW  
2 MANY DAYS?

3 MR. PUGH: EARLY AUGUST TO EARLY  
4 SEPTEMBER.

5 MR. MOODY: YEAH. IT'S ON PAGE  
6 TWO OF YOUR PACKET. AND WE'RE  
7 RECOMMENDING -- IT'S A VERY SHORT SEASON.  
8 DAVID, WHAT'S THE TOTAL (INAUDIBLE)?

9 MR. HAYDEN: WE'VE NOT COME UP  
10 WITH A TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS. WE WERE  
11 LOOKING ANYWHERE FROM FIVE TO, MAYBE,  
12 TWELVE DAYS; SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

13 MR. MOODY: WE HAVE SEVEN  
14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN HERE AND THAT'S WHAT  
15 WE'LL STICK WITH. SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS  
16 SOMETIME IN AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER.  
17 AND WE'LL WORK WITH FISH AND WILDLIFE  
18 SERVICE ON THAT AND BE SURE IT MEETS  
19 THEIR TIME -- AND I DON'T THINK WE'RE  
20 GOING TO HAVE A DISAGREEMENT IN WHATEVER  
21 WE DECIDE.

22 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE ONLY  
23 REASON I ASK, AND I NEED TO BRING IT TO

0112

1 Y'ALL'S ATTENTION, I'VE HAD ONE CONCERN  
2 ABOUT THIS FROM BLAKELY STATE PARK, WHERE  
3 THEY TAKE THAT BOAT UP AND DOWN THE  
4 DELTA. THEY ARE REQUESTING THAT THE  
5 SEASON BE NORTH OF 65, BUT IT WOULD  
6 DEFEAT YOUR PURPOSE.

7 MR. MOODY: YEAH, IT REALLY  
8 WOULD.

9 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: BUT I THINK  
10 THE LENGTH OF DAYS IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING  
11 THEY CAN WORK WITH.

12 MR. MOODY: IT'S SEVEN DAYS AND  
13 AT NIGHT. SO, YOU REALLY AREN'T GOING TO  
14 HAVE MUCH CONFLICT WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE  
15 OUT THERE SIGHTSEEING OR DOING OTHER  
16 THINGS. AND YOU CAN REMOVE FIFTY  
17 ALLIGATORS FROM THE DELTA NOW, AND NOBODY  
18 WOULD EVEN KNOW THEY WERE GONE.

19 DR. STRICKLAND: HOW MUCH AREA IS  
20 THAT?

21 MR. MOODY: SOUTH OF THE  
22 CAUSEWAY -- I MEAN, NORTH OF THE  
23 CAUSEWAY, SOUTH OF THE INTERSTATE, AND

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1 ROUGHLY BANK-TO-BANK. THAT'S DEFINED BY  
2 HIGHWAYS, SO IT'S ROUGHLY BANK-TO-BANK  
3 BETWEEN THERE. MOST OF THAT IS IN THE --

4 MR. HAYDEN: A QUARTER OF A  
5 MILLION ACRES COMES TO MIND.

6 MR. MOODY: I'M NOT SURE. IT'S  
7 PROBABLY THAT MUCH, THE WAY IT'S  
8 SITUATED. IT ROUGHLY CORRESPONDS TO THE  
9 BOUNDARIES OF THE MOBILE TENSAW TO W.C.  
10 HOLLAND MANAGEMENT AREA. IT MOSTLY  
11 COINCIDES WITH THAT.

12 DR. STRICKLAND: HAS THERE BEEN A  
13 LOT OF REQUESTS?  
14 MR. MOODY: WE'VE HAD REQUESTS  
15 FOR YEARS. AND SINCE WE HAVE PUBLICITY  
16 ON IT, WE'VE HAD QUITE A FEW INQUIRIES AS  
17 TO WHEN WE CAN START REGISTERING, AND HOW  
18 WE GET STARTED, AND SO FORTH. OTHER  
19 STATES HAVE DONE THIS. MISSISSIPPI AND  
20 GEORGIA, THEY HAVE HAD QUITE A GOOD  
21 RESPONSE TO THIS. SO, WE ANTICIPATE THE  
22 SAME.  
23 MR. HATLEY: GARY, QUESTION.  
0114  
1 MR. MOODY: YES, SIR.  
2 MR. HATLEY: THE DATE, WOULD  
3 THAT -- YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO HAVE THOSE  
4 ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND, WOULD YOU?  
5 MR. MOODY: DON'T KNOW. IT MAY  
6 OR MAY NOT, I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S  
7 SOMETHING FOR CONSIDERATION.  
8 MR. HATLEY: TAKE IT UNDER  
9 ADVISEMENT OF THE PEOPLE.  
10 MR. MOODY: WE CAN STAY AWAY FROM  
11 THAT, IF IT'S THE BOARD'S PLEASURE.  
12 MR. HATLEY: I'M NOT SURE. I  
13 JUST THINK IT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD  
14 CONSIDER.  
15 MR. MOODY: YOU CAN LOOK AT IT  
16 TWO WAYS. PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE TIME OFF AND  
17 THEY WANT TO GO DO IT OR -- AND BEING AT  
18 NIGHT, I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO  
19 INTERFERE WITH ANY OTHER RECREATIONAL  
20 OPPORTUNITIES GOING ON. BUT, WHATEVER  
21 Y'ALL'S PLEASURE, WE CAN WORK AROUND IT.  
22 MR. HATLEY: WELL, WE USUALLY GO  
23 ALONG WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION, SIR. I  
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1 WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE IT UNDER  
2 ADVISEMENT.  
3 MR. MOODY: WILL DO IT.  
4 MR. HATLEY: THANK YOU.  
5 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
6 QUESTIONS? DOES ANYONE HAVE A MOTION IN  
7 REGARDS TO THE 2006 ALLIGATOR SEASON?  
8 DR. SMITH: MOVE TO APPROVE.  
9 MR. HATLEY: CAN WE ADOPT IT AS  
10 PRESENTED?  
11 CHAIRMAN COLES: WE HAVE A MOTION  
12 BY MR. HATLEY, AND A SECOND BY DR. SMITH.  
13 WE MOVE FOR APPROVAL. ANY DISCUSSION?  
14 ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY THE  
15 RAISING OF THE RIGHT HAND. IT'S  
16 UNANIMOUS.  
17 MR. MOODY: I JUST WANT TO REMIND  
18 EVERYBODY THAT BEFORE IT CAN BE  
19 EFFECTIVE, WE DO HAVE TO HAVE FISH AND  
20 WILDLIFE SERVICE CONCURRENCE. AND I  
21 DON'T THINK THERE'S AN ISSUE THERE, BUT  
22 WE'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE GET THAT  
23 CONCURRENCE. THE NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS

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1 IS THE DAILY CREEL LIMIT REGULATIONS,  
2 WHICH IS NUMBER TWO IN YOUR SEASONS AND  
3 BAG LIMITS; MR. PUGH.

4 MR. PUGH: MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT  
5 WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED IN THE ADOPTION  
6 OF THE SEASONS AND LIMITS ALREADY.

7 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT. WHAT  
8 ABOUT THE GAME BREEDERS REGULATION?

9 MR. PUGH: WE WERE FORTUNATE  
10 ENOUGH TO SEE THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL  
11 137, WHICH DEALS WITH THE PROHIBITION OF  
12 CAN HUNTS, WHERE THE HUNTED GAME HAS NO  
13 REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EVADE THE  
14 HUNTER. AND THAT SAME BILL ALSO BROUGHT  
15 THE GAME BREEDERS STATUTE UP TO DATE.  
16 THIS REGULATION THAT YOU WOULD BE VOTING  
17 ON HERE PARALLELS THAT NEW STATUTE. I'LL  
18 CALL ON CHIEF ANDRESS TO PRESENT THE  
19 SPECIFICS OF THAT.

20 CHIEF ANDRESS: THE REGULATION  
21 THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED, AS DIRECTOR PUGH  
22 SAID, IS A COMPANION TO THE BILL THAT  
23 RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE.

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1 WHAT THE REGULATION DOES IS GIVE US SOME  
2 BASELINE OF THIS BUSINESS, ALLOWING  
3 ADEQUATE MONITORING OF THE BUSINESS  
4 ITSELF, AND ALSO MONITORING OF THE HEALTH  
5 STATUS OF THE ANIMALS RAISED IN THESE  
6 BUSINESSES. AND THAT'S WHAT THE  
7 REGULATION BEFORE YOU DOES.

8 SPECIFICALLY, IT WILL REQUIRE  
9 PEOPLE IN THIS BUSINESS TO KEEP RECORDS,  
10 MONITOR INVENTORY, AND ALSO REQUIRE THEM  
11 TO MARK ANIMALS OF THE FAMILY, THE DEER  
12 FAMILY, AND KEEP THOSE ANIMALS MARKED SO  
13 THAT INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATIONS CAN BE  
14 MADE. IF A PROBLEM SHOULD EVER ARISE, IT  
15 GIVES THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED DIVISION  
16 PERSONNEL INSPECTION AUTHORITY AT THESE  
17 FACILITIES.

18 IT REQUIRES THAT THEY IDENTIFY  
19 WHERE THE FACILITIES ARE. IT ALSO  
20 REQUIRES THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN ANY  
21 HERD HELP PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN  
22 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
23 AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIES. AND ALSO GIVE

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1 THE COMMISSIONER, CONSERVATION, IN  
2 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIES, THE AUTHORITY TO  
4 SEIZE ANIMALS IN A FACILITY WHERE THERE'S  
5 A SUBSTANTIAL DISEASE OUTBREAK THAT HAS  
6 BEEN IDENTIFIED AND DEAL WITH THOSE. ANY  
7 QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT?

8 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. HATLEY?

9 MR. HATLEY: ALLAN, THESE ARE THE  
10 SAME. BASICALLY, WHAT CAME OUT OF THE  
11 MEETING WITH THE GAME BREEDERS AND THEY

12 WERE IN CONSENSUS WITH THIS, WERE THEY  
13 NOT, ON THE MEETING YOU AND I DID LAST  
14 YEAR WITH CORKY?

15 CHIEF ANDRESS: THAT'S CORRECT.  
16 THE LEADERSHIP IN THE GAME BREEDER  
17 BUSINESS IS IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING  
18 THIS REGULATION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.  
19 IT HAS THEIR BLESSING.

20 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. PORTER, YOU  
21 HAD A QUESTION?

22 MR. PORTER: LOOKING AT -- ON  
23 PAGE TWO OF YOUR PROPOSAL, THERE'S A

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1 REFERENCE IN THERE TO THE EGGS AND  
2 EMBRYOS AND IMPORTATION WAS BANNED.  
3 WITHIN THE BRACKETS, DID I READ THAT TO  
4 SAY THAT SEMEN -- THE IMPORTATION OF  
5 SEMEN IS NOT BANNED?

6 CHIEF ANDRESS: THAT IS CORRECT.  
7 IN PREVIOUS REGULATIONS, AS LATE AS LAST  
8 YEAR, SEMEN WAS LISTED AS A PROHIBITED  
9 MATERIAL FOR IMPORTATION. BUT, IT WAS  
10 DETERMINED THAT SEMEN DID NOT CONSTITUTE  
11 ANY SIGNIFICANT THREAT THAT WE COULD  
12 IDENTIFY. THEREFORE SEMEN WAS DELETED IN  
13 THE REGULATION FROM LAST YEAR, AND IT WAS  
14 ALSO DELETED FROM THE LANGUAGE HERE TO  
15 KEEP ANY CONFUSION DOWN. IT IS NOT  
16 OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW ANYWHERE  
17 ELSE. SO THAT LANGUAGE OF BANNING SEMEN  
18 WAS DROPPED.

19 MR. PORTER: I JUST DIDN'T  
20 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT SAID.

21 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY OTHER  
22 QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A MOTION  
23 FOR THAT EFFECT?

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1 MR. HATLEY: SO MOVED.

2 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. HATLEY HAS A  
3 MOTION; SECOND?

4 MR. HARBIN: SECOND.

5 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. HARBIN  
6 SECONDS. ANY OTHER QUESTION? ALL THOSE  
7 IN FAVOR, SIGNIFY APPROVAL BY RAISING THE  
8 RIGHT HAND. IT'S UNANIMOUS. THE NEXT  
9 ITEM -- WE'VE ALREADY COVERED THE TURTLE,  
10 OR DO WE NEED TO COVER THE TURTLE  
11 REGULATION? OKAY, MUSSEL REGULATION.

12 MR. PUGH: THAT'S TAB FIVE IN  
13 YOUR BOOKS SO YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH IT.  
14 CHIEF ANDRESS WILL ALSO ADDRESS THIS.

15 CHAIRMAN COLES: YOU HAVE A WORLD  
16 OF DUTIES TODAY, ALLAN.

17 CHIEF ANDRESS: I'LL GET THEM  
18 OVER IN A HURRY. THIS REGULATION IS A  
19 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING  
20 REGULATION DEALING WITH MUSSEL BUYERS IN  
21 THE STATE AND THEIR OPERATION. THERE'S A  
22 STATUTE WHICH RELATES MUSSEL CATCHING AND  
23 SALE OF MUSSELS IN THE STATE. THERE IS A



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1 FIVE CENTS PER POUND TAX ASSESSED ON  
2 MUSSELS HARVESTED FROM THE FRESHWATERS OF  
3 ALABAMA.

4 THE PROCEDURE FOR WHICH THAT FIVE  
5 CENT PER POUND TAX IS COLLECTED IS  
6 PROVIDED FOR IF THOSE MUSSELS GO THROUGH  
7 A BUYER BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE STATE.  
8 HOWEVER, AT THIS TIME THERE'S NO  
9 PROVISION OR MECHANISM BY WHICH TO  
10 COLLECT THAT FIVE CENTS PER POUND OF  
11 SHELLS ON MUSSELS THAT LEAVE THE STATE  
12 WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A BUYER FIRST.

13 THIS REGULATION WILL TAKE CARE OF  
14 THAT, SETTING DOWN A PROCEDURE BY WHICH  
15 THAT FIVE CENTS PER POUND CAN BE  
16 COLLECTED FROM MUSSEL CATCHERS WHO CARRY  
17 THEM OUT OF STATE WITHOUT FIRST GOING  
18 THROUGH A BUYER.

19 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?

20 DR. SMITH: MOVE FOR APPROVAL.

21 CHAIRMAN COLES: DO I HEAR A

22 SECOND?

23 MR. SELF: SECOND.

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1 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. SELF

2 SECONDS. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? ALL IN  
3 FAVOR, SIGNIFY BY THE RAISING OF THE  
4 RAISE HAND. IT IS UNANIMOUS.

5 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT. FROG  
6 HARVEST.

7 MR. PUGH: AT THE LAST BOARD  
8 MEETING, Y'ALL HAD REQUESTED THAT WE  
9 CONDUCT A SURVEY TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
10 THERE WAS A BIOLOGICAL NEED TO PROTECT  
11 THE FROG RESOURCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE  
12 DELTA. THE STAFF HAS DONE CONSIDERABLE  
13 WORK ON THAT. CHIEF MOODY, IF YOU WILL,  
14 GIVE A REPORT ON THIS.

15 MR. MOODY: THANK YOU AGAIN. AT  
16 THE LAST MEETING, THERE WAS AN ISSUE  
17 RAISED ABOUT FROG HARVEST IN THE DELTA  
18 AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS JEOPARDIZING  
19 THE POPULATIONS THERE. AND WE ASKED  
20 JAMES MASSEY ON OUR STAFF TO TAKE THE  
21 LEAD AND TO PULL TOGETHER WHAT WE KNEW.  
22 AND MEETING WITH OUR BIOLOGIST AND  
23 OFFICERS DOWN THERE -- AND YOU HAVE A

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1 SUMMARY REPORT IN YOUR PACKET HERE THAT  
2 KIND OF SUMMARIZES.

3 YOU HAVE THREE OR FOUR DIFFERENT  
4 THINGS IN THERE THAT SUMMARIZES WHAT HIS  
5 FINDINGS WERE. AND YOU'VE ALSO GOT A  
6 COMMENT IN THERE FROM ROGER CLAY, WHO IS  
7 ONE OF OUR BIOLOGISTS, THAT DEALS  
8 SPECIFICALLY ON NON GAME SPECIES.

9 THE TWO SPECIES OF FROG OF  
10 CONCERN IS THE BULLFROG AND THE PIG FROG  
11 JUST DUE TO THEIR SIZE. REGIONALLY, THEY

12 ARE NOT ANY SPECIES OF CONCERN.  
13 STATEWIDE THEY ARE NOT A SPECIES OF  
14 CONCERN, WHICH MEANS THEY ARE PLENTIFUL  
15 AND VERY COMMON. AND WE COULD NOT  
16 DOCUMENT, AT THIS TIME, ANY PARTICULAR  
17 OVERHARVEST THAT'S GOING ON THERE. WE  
18 DON'T RECOMMEND ANY CHANGES AT THIS TIME.  
19 HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THAT  
20 SITUATION AND IF WE SHOULD FIND  
21 SOMETHING, WE WILL MAKE Y'ALL AWARE OF  
22 THAT.

23 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?

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1 MR. HATLEY: I HAVE A GENERAL  
2 COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND GARY  
3 AND YOUR STAFF, AND JAMES AND THE JOB  
4 THEY DID ON THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE STUDY,  
5 AND THE QUICK MANNER THAT THEY DID IT.

6 MR. MOODY: THANK YOU MR. HATLEY.

7 MR. HATLEY: WE APPRECIATE THAT.

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9 MR. MOODY: THANK YOU.

10 CHAIRMAN COLES: WE'VE ALREADY  
11 TAKEN UP THE GEESE SEASON. ANYTHING ELSE  
12 MR. PUGH?

13 MR. PUGH: NO, SIR.

14 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT. THE  
15 NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS NEW BUSINESS OR  
16 ACTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MAY  
17 MEETING. I BELIEVE WE HAVE SOME MARINA  
18 POLICE REGULATIONS.

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21 NEW BUSINESS

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1 MAJOR KELLEY: GOOD MORNING  
2 GENTLEMEN. IN YOUR FOLDERS, THERE'S FIVE  
3 REGULATIONS THE MARINE POLICE WOULD LIKE  
4 TO PRESENT TO YOU FOR CONSIDERATION AT  
5 THE MAY MEETING. WHAT I WANT TO DO HERE  
6 IS GIVE YOU A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF EACH ONE  
7 OF THESE AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU  
8 MIGHT HAVE.

9 MARINE POLICE 2006-MP1, IT'S  
10 SECURING THE MARINE POLICE SANITATION AND  
11 LIGHTS. WHAT THIS WILL DO IS SET UP THE  
12 STANDARD FOR SECURING THE VALVES THAT  
13 CONTROLS DISPOSAL OF THE WASTE OUT OF THE  
14 BOAT. IT HAS A MARINE SANITATION DEVICE  
15 ON BOARD. AND THIS REGULATION IS  
16 BASICALLY WORD-FOR-WORD. THERE'S A COAST  
17 GUARD REGULATION ON THIS AND WE FELT LIKE  
18 IT WOULD BE THE BEST THING TO DO TO NOT  
19 CAUSE ANY CONFUSION WITH OUR LAW AND WITH  
20 CURRENT COAST GUARD FEDERAL REGULATION.

21 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?

22 ALL RIGHT, SIR.

23 MAJOR KELLEY: THE MP3,

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1 PROHIBITING OF CERTAIN LIGHTS AND SIRENS.  
2 THIS PREVENTS A NON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
3 VESSEL FROM DISPLAYING A BLUE LIGHT OR  
4 SIREN ON A VESSEL OUT ON THE WATERWAYS.  
5 WE'RE HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM  
6 WITH THE MINUTEMEN, WITH PEOPLE TRYING TO  
7 HELP PATROL THE BORDERS.  
8 WE HAVE ONE ALONG THE COAST DOWN  
9 THERE THAT'S CARRYING A WEAPON. AND WE  
10 WOULD LIKE TO PREVENT HIM FROM BEING ABLE  
11 TO CARRY A BLUE LIGHT, OR ANYTHING LIKE  
12 THAT, ON THE WATER, ON BOARD, SO HE CAN'T  
13 REPRESENT HIMSELF AS LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE  
14 WANT THE VOTERS TO KNOW THAT WHEN A BLUE  
15 LIGHT COMES ON, THERE'S A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 OFFICER ON BOARD THAT BOAT.  
17 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?  
18 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN?  
19 CHAIRMAN COLES: MR. SELF.  
20 MR. SELF: GOING BACK TO THE  
21 MARINE SANITATION DEVICE. SHOULDN'T WE  
22 BE PASSING THESE EACH ONE OF THESE  
23 INDIVIDUALLY? WE'RE NOT GOING TO VOTE ON

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1 THEM TODAY?  
2 MAJOR KELLEY: NO, SIR. THESE  
3 ARE BEING BROUGHT UP FOR MAY.  
4 CHAIRMAN COLES: HE'S JUST  
5 BRINGING THEM UP TODAY. WE CAN'T VOTE ON  
6 THEM UNTIL MAY. I SEE THE NEED FOR  
7 SANITATION.  
8 MAJOR KELLEY: MP4, REFUSAL TO  
9 SUBMIT TO INSPECTION. THIS IS A  
10 REGULATION THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR  
11 SOMEONE TO FAIL TO SUBMIT TO AN  
12 INSPECTION FOR REGISTRATIONS, SAFETY  
13 EQUIPMENT, OR ANY DEVICES, SAFETY  
14 DEVICES, LIGHTS, OR OTHER MSD'S ON BOARD.  
15 IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO THE LAW THAT THE  
16 WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES HAD  
17 ABOUT THE HUNTING VEST, AND COATS, AND  
18 GAME BAGS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES.  
19 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?  
20 MR. LYNCH: YOU CAN REFUSED TO BE  
21 INSPECTED, NOW?  
22 MAJOR KELLEY: YES, SIR. WE HAVE  
23 HAD PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO BE INSPECTED

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1 AND LET US INSPECT THEM.  
2 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: WHAT DO YOU  
3 DO?  
4 MAJOR KELLEY: WELL, AT THAT TIME  
5 WE KIND OF BACK OFF AND NOT COME INTO ANY  
6 KIND OF CONFRONTATION WITH THEM. THE  
7 ONES THAT GIVE US THE MOST PROBLEM IS  
8 DOWN ON THE COAST, BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY  
9 ONLY SUBMIT TO THE COAST GUARD.  
10 CHAIRMAN COLES: ALL RIGHT.  
11 MAJOR KELLEY: NUMBER FIVE IS THE

12 ACE NAVIGATION AND REGULATORY MARKETING.  
13 THIS IS A CURRENT REGULATION, BUT WE  
14 WANTED TO ADD A PORTION TO THAT THAT  
15 MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO ATTACH --

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17 (MICROPHONE FEEDBACK)  
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19 MAJOR KELLEY: -- IT WOULD MAKE  
20 IT UNLAWFUL TO ATTACH ANY LINES OR SIGNS  
21 TO ACE NAVIGATION. WE SPEND A GREAT DEAL  
22 OF MONEY BETWEEN OUR DIVISION AND ALABAMA  
23 POWER COMPANY IN HELPING US PUT OUT

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1 REGULATORY MONITORS AND SIGNS TO HELP  
2 PEOPLE TO NAVIGATE ON THE WATERWAYS TO  
3 SHOW THEM WHERE THE HAZARDS ARE, THE  
4 PROPER CHANNELS TO STAY IN WHERE THEY ARE  
5 NOT GOING TO RUN US AROUND OR ANYTHING.

6 AND WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT WILL TIE  
7 TROT LINES TO THESE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS OR  
8 THEY WILL PUT OUT SOME TYPE OF SIGN.  
9 YOU'LL SEE "CAR SALE TODAY" AND STUFF  
10 LIKE THIS. AND YOU THINK THAT A LITTLE  
11 TROT LINE WOULDN'T BE MUCH, BUT A TROT  
12 LINE MADE OUT OF NYLON TIED TO ONE OF  
13 THESE BUOYS OR POLES, ONCE WE GET A LOT  
14 OF HEAVY RAIN OR DEBRIS OR ANYTHING THAT  
15 STARTS COLLECTING ON THAT THING, IT WILL  
16 PULL IT OVER, OR MOVE IT OFF STATION. WE  
17 WOULD ASK Y'ALL TO CONSIDER THIS. THIS  
18 WOULD BE DEALING WITH TROT LINES, OR ANY  
19 KIND OF NETS, OR ANY FISHING LINES, OR  
20 SIGNS ON ANY OF THESE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS.

21 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?  
22 ALL RIGHT; NEXT.

23 MAJOR KELLEY: THE LAST ONE IS

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1 PLACEMENT OF VESSEL IDENTIFICATION. THIS  
2 IS ALSO A CURRENT REGULATION, BUT RIGHT  
3 NOW, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING  
4 TO -- OUR KEY SECTION IN THE REGISTRATION  
5 SECTION ARE WORKING ON MAKING IT  
6 AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR  
7 BOAT ON LINE. THIS IS FOR RENEWALS ONLY,  
8 NOT NEW BOATS.

9 THIS WAY YOU -- SAY YOU WANT TO  
10 GO OUT ON YOUR BOAT ON A SATURDAY AND YOU  
11 FORGOT TO REGISTER THE BOAT. ON FRIDAY  
12 NIGHT, YOU COULD REGISTER YOUR BOAT  
13 ONLINE AND GET A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE  
14 SENT BACK TO YOU THROUGH YOUR COMPUTER, IF  
15 YOU HAVE A PRINTER ON SITE. AND YOU CAN  
16 USE THE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE FOR  
17 THIRTY DAYS. AND THEN, OUR OFFICE WILL  
18 SEND YOU THE PERMANENT CERTIFICATE AND  
19 YOUR DECAL. WITHOUT CHANGING THIS  
20 REGULATION, THIS NEW METHOD OF BEING ABLE  
21 TO REGISTER BOATS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.

22 CHAIRMAN COLES: ANY QUESTIONS?  
23 ALL RIGHT; THANK YOU.

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1 MAJOR KELLEY: THANK YOU.

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SUMMER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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CHAIRMAN COLES: THE NEXT ORDER

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OF BUSINESS IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE

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MAY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, WHICH IS

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SCHEDULED FOR MAY THE TWENTIETH AT GULF

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SHORES ALABAMA, THE GULF SHORES CIVIC

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CENTER, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX. IF THERE'S NO

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OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

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I DECLARE OUR MEETING ADJOURNED.

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(WHEREUPON, THE MEETING ENDED AT

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11:23 A.M.)

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